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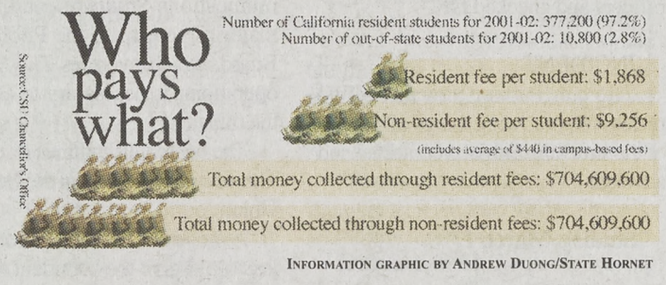
GREG KANE
State Hornet

The California State University in the coming months will discuss a tuition increase for out-of-state students as fears of budget shortage grow.

The proposed 15 percent hike to non-resident fees was presented at the March 13 CSU Board of Trustees meeting at Sacramento State. This marks the first time since Gov. Gray Davis' budget proposal in January that the system has publicly discussed the possibility of any student fee increase, said CSU Spokeswoman Clara Potes-Fellow.

The Trustees will likely vote on the increase at theirMay meeting, she said.

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ASI scrambling to fill committees

New VP of University Affairs says her job is going to be 'difficult'

NESSA HESSAMI
State Hornet

Students have virtually no say in some of the biggest policy decisions on campu,s according to an Associated Students, Inc. official who is searching for bodies to fill university committee positions.

Most committees have two student-at-large positions in order to include student opinion in important campus related decisions.

"The committees were neglected," said Vice President of University Affairs Lisanne Nakayama. "We haven't had a good VPUA in the past, and so they all went to s--t and now I am trying to pull it all back together."

"Committees help identify campus problems," she said. "Committees are the biggest place where students can have an impact on student life and university policy."

Nakayama believes that committees are the nuts and bolts of everyday student life, and her first priority is to get student input back on the committees.

"I want to make sure students have a voice here and their opinions don't go unheard. Without adequate student representation, how is that possible?" Nakayama said.

Nakayama took over the VPUA job after Calvin Davis quit the post last December.

After Davis's sudden departure at the end of last semester, Nakayama realized Davis had not appointed and notified students to serve as at-large representatives on university committees that decide everything from parking policy to student fees. Some students had been appointed, but never told about it.

Now it's her job to see that students fill those slots as she acts as the go-between for ASI and the 40–50 campus committees that make University policy.

"Calvin had a lot of other things going on in his life. He really didn't do his job here in ASI," Nakayama said.

Now Nakayama's job is to get everyone on the same page – literally.



Lisanne Nakayama

VP University Affairs

"The president's office, student affairs and ASI all have different lists of the committees. Nobody's list is consistent and organized," she said.

Nakayama said that ASI does not have any information or contact numbers about the appointed students and that most have no idea they are supposed to serve on an ASI committee.

"It's going to be difficult to have students willing to sit on a committee when it's close to the end of the semester and we can't guarantee the same position for next fall, either," Nakayama said.

Former VPUA Calvin Davis failed to return calls from *The State Hornet.*

Students who wish to serve on a university committee can contact Lisanne Nakayama at (916) 278-6784.

Break it up!



PHOTO BY BARRETT LYON/STATE HORNET

Two roosters go at it last week near the Central Plant office west of Eureka Hall. Neither bird was seriously injured during the brief fracas



PHOTO BY BARRETT LYON/STATE HORNET

Facilities maintenence worker Otha Swanigan holds up the fighting fowls moments after stepping in to stop their battle. Neither bird was injured.

Quick-acting staffer prevents fowl play

LINDSAY COMSTOCK
State Hornet

Two roosters are lucky to be alive after a Facilities Management worker broke up their battle on campus last week.

Otha Swanigan, a facilities management worker, said he was looking out the window of the Central Plant office on March 12, at 4:30 p.m., when he saw two of the campus roosters "about to square off."

When Swanigan got outside, a group of maintenance workers had started to gather to watch the action near the water tank. Swanigan said the fight started to get out of hand, so he had to take action quickly.

"I just went out there and picked them up," Swanigan said. "I saved the roosters' lives. We would have lost one of them."

Swanigan said that he usually doesn't see roosters fighting on

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Recent dorm troubles no worry for students

MICHAEL YOUNG
State Hornet

Sacramento State dorm residents have mixed opinions about security at the residence halls after recent disturbances.

In the past three weeks, a man exposed himself to a woman in Jenkins Hall, a man was shot with a pellet gun in Draper Hall and a woman in Jenkins Hall was held against her will in her dorm room by her upset boyfriend, according to police logs.

Despite these crimes, students are not afraid.

"I feel pretty safe because so many people are around," said Junior Leslie Vasquez, a liberal studies major.

Freshman dorm resident Jeff Fong said he has never had any security problems at the residence halls.

But other students like Melinda Schnell, a freshman majoring in kinesiology, think security needs to be improved.

"Just anybody can walk in," Schnell said. "There are definitely weird people walking around sometimes."

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UTAPS might open up 40 new parking spaces

JONAMAR JACINTO
State Hornet

More parking spaces may open up soon if a campus parking official has her way.

University of Transportation and Parking Services manager Nancy Fox put in a work order March 11 aimed at adding parking between Lot 6 and the Children's Center.

Two weeks ago, Sacramento State facilities management workers uprooted a small, grassy area in front of the child development center where construction crews for Parking Structure II often parked.

Fox said that because the grass was used for parking for the construction workers, coupled with rainy weather, the grass eventually wore out and became a muddy wreck. Decomposed granite was poured on the surface to re-

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GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATION BY ANDREW N. DUONG/STATE HORNET

UTAPS says they want to add approximately 40 parking spaces near the Children's Center. Whether those slots will be student or faculty is unclear.

Adviser says to read credit card fine print

PHILIP WOOD
State Hornet

Students are using credit cards for everything from copies to coffee to clothes, but the sneaking debts can skyrocket and even force students to drop out of school to pay them off.

The average college student in America will graduate owing more than $18,000 in student loans and another $2,740 in credit card debt, according to student loan corporation Nellie Mae.

"Students don't read the fine print and get into trouble," said Gabrielle Self, supervisor of the Student Financial Services Office.

Self said sometimes students get so far into credit card debt that they have to drop out of college in order to

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Police Log

SACRAMENTO'S CAMPUS POLICE

COMPILED BY MICHAEL YOUNG
State Hornet

Monday, March 11

INCIDENT
3:01 p.m. Calaveras Hall – A pit bull was off its leash. The owner was showing off how aggressive the dog could be. The subject was gone on arrival.

DISTURBANCE
7:29 p.m. Main bus stop – A male and a female were having an argument. The man was standing in the street and was asked to move by a parking officer. The man got mad and boarded the bus leaving campus.

Tuesday, March 12

INCIDENT
12:16 a.m. Solano Hall – A homeless man with a bicycle was sleeping out on the landing. The man was contacted and sent on his way.

TRESPASSING
12:18 p.m. Lot 11 – A suspicious man was casing vehicles in the parking lot. The subject was contacted, identified and told to leave campus. No vehicles were tampered with.

Wednesday, March 13

DISTURBANCE
9 a.m. Lot 8 – Argument over a parking space with one person threatening to damage the other's vehicle.

SERVICE
1:39 p.m. Shasta Hall – An officer was flagged down by a person who reported that someone was lying on the ground. Checked OK; the person was sleeping.

LARCENY-THEFT
3:15 p.m. Lot 7 – Lug nuts were stolen from the front tire of a silver Honda. Report taken.

DISTURBANCE
7:14 p.m. Mendocino Hall – A report came in about two subjects in the bathroom having sex. One subject in the area was contacted and advised.

Thursday, March 14

DISTURBANCE
10:29 a.m. Lot 4B – Two people involved in a verbal argument over a parking space. Subjects were contacted and advised.

INCIDENT
10:49 a.m. Sequoia Hall – A transient-looking woman was talking to herself and carrying some sort of white trash bag. She was ontacted and sent on her way.

Friday, March 15

INCIDENT
8:59 a.m. University Union – A man said he was threatened by the husband of a girl he was friendly with on campus. Report taken.

INCIDENT
11:53 a.m. Sequoia Hall – Someone's dog was running up and down the halls disturbing students and faculty. Owner was contacted and advised.

INCIDENT
5:19 p.m. Student Health Center – A person with a garbage bag over his face pulled into the parking lot of the health center. Subject was known to officers and checked OK.

INCIDENT
7:15 p.m. Parking Structure – Two males were throwing things off the top of the structure. Subjects contacted and advised.

Sunday, March 17

LARCENY-THEFT
1:06 a.m. Desmond Hall – A man reported that his laptop was stolen from his dorm room. Another person, Isaac Bonaker, said he was missing $80. Bonaker turned out to be the suspect and was arrested and taken to county jail.

Police arrest man on warrants, theft

MICHAEL YOUNG
State Hornet

Campus police arrested a man last weekend in Desmond Hall for grand theft.

Isaac Bonaker, of Fresno, Calif., was booked into Sacramento County jail after allegedly stealing a laptop computer from a dorm room.

Police arrived to talk to the owner of the computer at approximately 1 a.m. Sunday morning.

Bonaker was there and said he was also a victim of theft.

Officer Debra Salvo took information from both men and left the scene.

Police reported that Salvo suspected Bonaker was the one who stole the laptop.

Bonaker's name turned up on a state wide database search.

He had outstanding warrants in Fresno County for drunk driving and possession of marijuana, with bail set at $100,000.

Salvo returned to Desmond Hall and arrested Bonaker after a resident adviser called and said that he was in the TV room.

The laptop was recovered and returned to its owner.

Gerth, students vie for control of *The Hornet*

President would get final budget approval for the student newspaper if move to Comm Studies is approved

GREG KANE
State Hornet

The university's student newspaper and its administration are still at odds in an eight-month battle over who should control *The State Hornet*'s finances.

The Hornet is fighting a suggestion from Sacramento State President Donald Gerth that the newspaper's financial oversight be switched from Associated Students, Inc. to the Communications Studies department. A majority vote from the Publications Board, which oversees *The Hornet*'s operations, is necesssary to complete the transfer.

The board will continue discussions Thursday at a meeting in the University Union.

A move to Communications Studies would give the president final approval of *The Hornet*'s annual budget.

Gerth said that he would not use that responsibility "for the purpose of controlling editorial context or otherwise restraining the First Amendment rights" of the newspaper.

Representatives from *The Hornet* said at the March 7 Publications Board meeting that Gerth's actions violate the newspaper's charter, which can only be amended by the majority vote of the board.

"It bothers me a great deal that (Gerth) is able to hand out an edict," said News Editor and board member Jon Ortiz.

Currently, *The Hornet*'s payroll and other business expenses are provided through ASI, and overseen by the Publications Board.

The debate stems from a June 2001 memo from former and current ASI Presidents Jason Bryant and Artemio Pimentel, in which they asked that ASI not be held liable in the event of a lawsuit against the newspaper. The memo included an option that ASI would continue to provide payroll and accounting services if an agreement excluding the organization from responsibility for *The Hornet*'s actions could be reached.

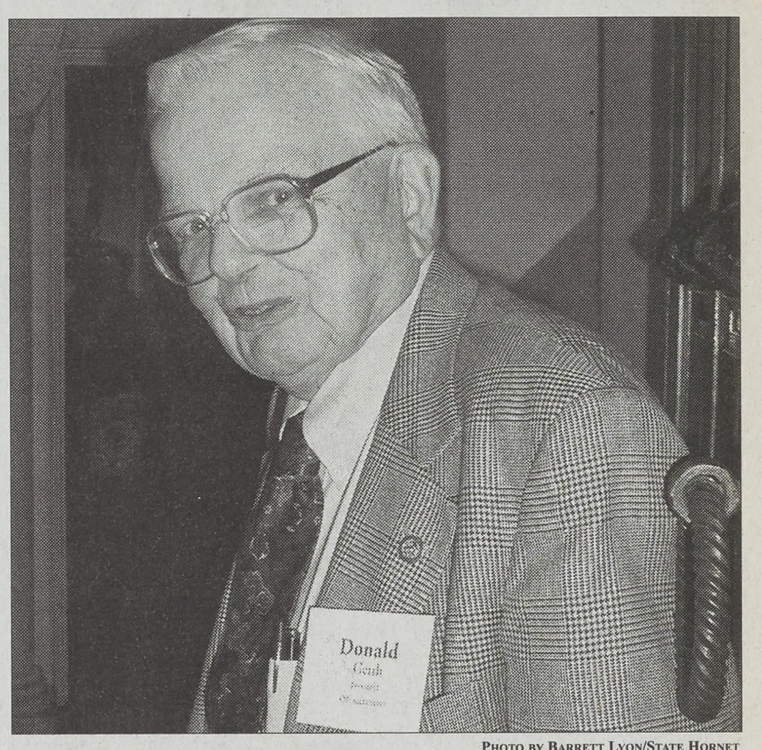


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President Donald Gerth enters the Sutter Club in this February photo. His January memo calls for The State Hornet's finances to come under control of the Communication Studies Department and his ultimate veto power.

The ASI Board of Directors has since agreed to keep financial oversight for *The Hornet* for another year, according to a March 7 memo from Pimentel. But Vice President of Finance Jon Self said at the Publications Board meeting that the proposal to move the newspaper to Communications Studies is already a done deal.

"I have been told by the president that this transfer is done," Self said.

Communications Studies Professor Sylvia Fox, who serves as adviser for *The Hornet* and sits on the Publications Board, said at the last board meeting that the proposed move is moving along too quickly and that the board should put a decision on hold until more research can be done.

"There's no reason for the expediency of what is going on here," Fox said.

According to its charter, *The Hornet* already has an academic link to Communications Studies, but operates through ASI financially. The Publications Board, which consists of students, faculty and administrators, acts as its publisher.

ELECTIONS ARE HERE !!!

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Anyone wishing to submit arguments against the proposal must submit these arguments on disk to the ASCSUS Government Office no less than 21 calender days prior to the election (April 2nd). The arguments againsst the proposal may be no longer than one page typed and double spaced. A contact person and their contact information must be included with the arguments.

2002-2-77/Hamada

Changing:
Article VII . B . 1 . B
One Director, elected by the undergraduate membership which has not declared a major;

To read:
Article VII . B . 1 . B
One Director elected by the undergraduate membership which has not declared a major if it is less than five thousand; two directors if the undergraduate membership which has not declared a major is more than five thousand.

Changing:
Article VII . B . 1 . C
One Director, elected by the post baccalaureate membership;

To read:
Article VII . B . 1 . C
One Director elected by the post baccalaureate membership if it is less than five thousand; two directors if the post baccalaureate membership is more than five thousand.

2002-3-89/Wood

To Read:
Article XVIII- Manditory Programs
A Every AS program specified within the context of this section will be a required program of the Associated Students, Inc. For a program to be added to this section it must be considered vital to both the success and continued development of the constituents of the Associated Students, Inc.
1. Children's Center and Children's Center Evening Program.

2002-3-84/Pimentel, Guerra

The Spirit Initiative: Full Text Associated Students, Inc. California State University Sacramento
Legislation Authorizing: GO HORNETS! Spirit Initiative Author: B. A. Kline

Background California State University, Sacramento began its history in the California State University over 50 years ago. At that time, there were few trees on campus, few permanent buildings, one Residence Hall, a spurious student government and newspaper, no dance team or spirit squad to speak of, and just under twenty members of the band. As of today, Spring 2002, CSUS has grown to include six Residence Halls, a model student government, an acclaimed student-run newspaper, and world-class facilities.

However, the need to provide stable funding to certain overlooked groups on campus has certainly presented itself on more than one occasion as the Marching Band (currently at 90 members) has disbanded three times in it's tenure on Campus, and both the cheer and dance squad are losing membership to other universities that are able to offer scholarships. The Initiative The Associated Students, Inc. of California State University at Sacramento believes in the opportunity provided under the auspices of a democratic society. It is in this spirit that the Board of Directors of the Association authorize the following ballot measure to be voted upon by the students:

The exact allocation from the ancillary fees of every student of California State University, Sacramento in the amount of:

$1.25 Cheer Team
$0.40 Extreme Dance Team
$3.35 Marching Band

Totaling the amount of $5.00 per semester, per student, this funding shall support areas such as scholarships for students who participate in these programs, uniforms, equipment, and travel. This would allow all three programs to remain as competitive forces in the collegiate world.

The Associated Students, Inc of California State University, Sacramento will have full responsibility for allocation of this fee. In turn, these programs are committed to continuing to serve the interests Associated Students Inc. through football and basketball game performances and other special events that improve the campus life of the Capital University. Vote of Support A vote of "Yes" will be to increase the semester fee by $5.00 to set aside money for direct student support of these student organizations.

2002-3-86/Wood

Changing:
Article VII-B-4-A
Candidates for the Board of Directors must have a G.P.A of 2.5 or higher to run for office and maintain a G.P.A of 2.5 to take office as determined in one of the following methods.

1. An overall grade point average of 2.5 of higher or
2. A grade point average of 2.5 or higher for all work completed at CSUS or
3. To run for office, a grade point average of 2.5 or higher the twelve months (including intersession and summer session) prior to the semester in which the election is held.
4. To take, a grade point average of 2.5 or higher the twelve months prior to the candidate's taking office.

To Read:
Article VII-B-4-A
Candidates for the Board of Directors must maintain "good academic standing" in accordance with university policy to run for office and must remain in "good academic standing" in order to take office.

Changing:
Aricle VII-B-4-D
If elected or appointed, Board members and officers must maintain a 2.5 semester grade point average during each semester in which they serve.

To Read:
Aricle VII-B-4-D
If elected or appointed, Board members and officers must maintain "good academic standing" during each semester in which they serve.

2002-3-87/Wood

Actual Ballot Language:
Should the ASI Bylaws be amended as posted to provide for additional ex-officio non-voting members to include representatives of student organizations.

Campus interest in Middle East issues up since Sept. 11

Muslim Students' Association membership on the rise

CHRIS JOHNSON
State Hornet

There may be a silver lining to tragedy for Sacramento State students, according to the Muslim Students' Association whose members have responded to the growing interest in Islam in the aftermath of Sept. 11 with cooperative programs designed to raise awareness of global issues.

As an international student from Saudi Arabia, MSA Vice President Alaa Malibari feels that this increased interest in Islam and the Middle East provides an opportunity for MSA to educate students about issues they might not otherwise learn from American media.

"We try to show the other side of the story," he said. "After that, people can decide what is right and what is wrong."

More than 100 new members have joined the organization e-mail list since Sept. 11, most of them non-Muslims, according to Malibari.

MSA President Mohamed Hamada said that more than 100, out of approximately 300 current members, have been active in organizing recent programs.

Nina Shoman, the MSA public relations coordinator, said that events including the "Displaced by War" event of two weeks ago and last semester's "Islam: Myth and Reality," which attracted an audience of more than 300, reached a primarily non-Muslim audience.

"Instead of planning events that are important only to Muslims, we organize events that are important to the campus and community," she said.

Shoman noted that a majority of the speakers taking part in the "Displaced by War" program were non-Muslims.

The most successful presentation of the event, titled "An Alternative View of U.S. Foreign Policy" by Richard Becker, an American non-Muslim, dealt with problems in the Middle East and issues faced by the people of North Korea, Latin America and the former Soviet Union, she said.



Mohamed Hamada
MSA President

In addition, MSA has worked with other organizations on campus in order to present a broader perspective on important issues, Shoman said.

A presentation scheduled for this Friday titled "Women and Islam" is presented in conjunction with the Sac State Women's Resource Center.

Jessica Higgins of the Women's Resource Center worked with MSA to plan the event, which is important, she said, because it furthers education on issues that have been neglected in the past.

"Collaboration is the only way we can make sense of an issue," Higgins said.

Justin Stults, a junior history major said he would be glad to see more MSA sponsored events.

"It provides us with an important perspective on the issues we are facing today," he said. "It is important for critical thinking."

Merit pay not all bad, says professor

GREG KANE
State Hornet

Faculty union members claimed victory when merit pay was excluded from their recent tentative contract agreement, but some Sacramento State professors say they're sorry to see the extra incentive go.

California Faculty Association members and other professors have lobbied against the Faculty Merit Increase system since it was introduced by the Chancellor's Office in 1998. FMI are pay raises based on faculty performance evaluations that include classroom performance as well as other scholastic activities, including published work and research.

The tentative agreement reached last month between the union and the California State University excluded FMI until 2003, where its reinstatement would hinge on a 3.5 percent salary increase. Many professors were happy be rid of it, but others like Astronomy and Physics Professor Donald Hall think the competition it encouraged was positive for faculty.

"I don't think competition should be seen as a bad thing," Hall said. "If anything, I think it should be seen as a reward for accomplishment."

CFA Sacramento chapter President Jeff Lustig said the number of faculty who preferred eliminating FMI far outweighs those who wanted to keep the increases. He said professors who typically support the pay system fall into two categories: Senior professors who are no longer eligible for pay scale increases, and young professors who are unfamiliar with the system.



Jeff Lustig
CFA Chapter President

By requiring faculty to compose self-evaluations to be submitted to department chairs — and ultimately President Donald Gerth — to decide rewards, Lustig claimed the FMI system took power from the faculty and put it in the hands of the administration.

"For faculty to wish they had merit pay is to wish that the faculty as a whole has lesser power," Lustig said.

Hall disagreed, however, saying the process was "largely in the hands of the faculty," with the only administrative input coming from the president. He also thinks the union's claims that FMI promoted unnecessary competition among professors are unfounded.

"Philosophically, I think it should be in place, and whether it's me or someone else (receiving the award), that kind of evaluation should be made," Hall said.

Preserving FMI was an important goal for the Chancellor's Office when negotiating the new contract with the union, said CSU Assistant Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Sam Strafachi, who headed the CSU's negotiating team. In the end, they settled for a compromise: If the faculty receives a salary increase of 3.5 percent or more in 2003, one-quarter of that money will go toward FMI, he said.

"We think it's important to link people's wages to their performance," Strafachi said. "Those people that have done something outstanding in any given year should be rewarded."

Lustig said the union does not oppose merit pay, but rather the FMI system that puts decision-making power in the hands of administrators. Should another system be implemented, the union might support it, he said.

"I don't think competition should be seen as a bad thing."

Donald Hall, Sac State Professor

"We've never actually opposed a notion of merit pay that would be awarded by peers as an occasional observance of excellence," Lustig said.

Still, even the FMI system had its supporters on the Sac State campus, Hall said. Those professors just haven't been as open in their support as dissenters of the merit pay system were, he said.

"There always have been some of us," Hall said. "But we were not as vocal as the others."

Biology professor says campus chickens have no predators, origins a mystery

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campus.

"I think they must have been cross-bred or something," Swanigan said.

Patrick Foley, a professor of biology, said that one type of chicken, the Road Island Red, is not usually aggressive in nature.

He said the male roosters are competitive due to their social structure, which consists of the males having harems of female chickens.

"Usually roosters fight over female chickens and to declare their territory," Foley said.

The origins of the chickens that live on campus are a mystery, but students and faculty offering their own unique versions of the story.

Anthony Kolitsos, a senior at Sacramento State, said he heard that the chickens were part of a science experiment that went out of control.

"I heard that it was an experiment to see how the population would grow," Kolitsos said.

Sophomore Maria Gonzalez offered a different explanation.

"Someone told me that we stole them from a rival school and that is why they are here," Gonzalez said. "I heard that we have rabbits on campus, too."

Foley said that he does not have an explanation, but that he guesses the chickens may have initially started as a joke, or someone may have raised them in on-campus housing and let them loose.

According to Foley, the chickens have survived and multiplied because they do not have any predators on campus. He said that he is surprised coyotes have not discovered the chickens yet.

And chickens aren't finicky gourmets, either.

"They are generalists in what they eat. The chickens eat insects and seeds from plants, as well as food that has been left around," Foley said.

For Gonzalez, the chickens can be a nuisance, especially when she is trying to study.

"It's kind of annoying when you are sitting in class around noon and they won't shut up," Gonzalez said.



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CSUS Foundation doles out funds, says no to three groups

More than $20,000 awarded to 32 student groups

DANIELLE ANSELMO
State Hornet

The CSUS Foundation Board of Directors awarded roughly $20,000 in student grants and discussed the construction of a much-needed temporary building at last week's meeting.

Each year, the foundation awards Project Activity Grants to students in order to offset the costs of study-related activities like designing projects, attending conferences and organizing events.

This semester, the foundation received 34 grant requests that totaled $73,000, but only had $18,502 allotted for the grants.

"All these grants are wonderful, but we have limited dollars," said Rhonda Rios Kravitz, an access service librarian and faculty representative on the board.

Fifteen grants were awarded for the amount requested, with an additional 16 getting partial funding. Only three proposals, one for a Women's Resource-Center speakers' reception, a second for the 11th Annual Africa Conference and a third for the National Society of Black Engineers Conference, were turned down.

Kravitz said the speakers' reception and Africa Conference grants were rejected because they had received funding in previous years and the Society of Black Engineers grant was turned down because the board was unsure whether the students intended to make presentations at the conference.

"We provide registration fees only for students making a presentation," Kravitz said.

Some board members felt that the rule was not made clear to applicants.

"One concern I have is that, after reading through the application and criteria, I don't see any stipulation about making presentations," said board member and ASI Executive Vice President Eric Guerra.

Community representative and business owner Susanne Burton, agreed.

"I would grant that we should have some flexibility because we may have mislead some people," Barton said.

Other members of the board felt the issue was being blown out of proportion.

"If you had been asked to fund 72 grants, what would you do then?" asked Elizabeth Moulds, vice president and chief of staff for the University and the president's designee on the board.

"I think we need to take a hard look at who we give funds to and how much we give them."

Marion O'Leary, dean of the college of natural science and mathematics, thought the board shouldn't even debate the matter.

"These are grants, not entitlements. My attitude is: scratch it," O'Leary said.

The board eventually passed a motion that allowed $2,000 in funding for the Society of Black Engineers provided they could prove that they would make presentations at the conference.

Also discussed were plans for a temporary faculty office and classroom building, set to be built to the west of parking lot 6.

"We are in the process of recruiting around 100 new faculty," said Ed Del Biaggio, Vice President for Administration for the University. "One of the problems we are encountering is an extreme shortage of faculty space."

Del Biaggio explained that the building could be configured to include any combination of a possible 100 office and 40 classroom spaces, depending on the campus' needs at any given time.

"It gives the flexibility to relieve a lot of pressure from the campus. It's a very creative solution," Moulds said.

"The building would be built by the Foundation and leased to the university until the building costs are recouped, at which time the Foundation would donate the building to the university," Del Biaggio said.

The board holds its next meeting May 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the Lobby Suite of the University Union.

Last WPE exam short on graders

JESSICA MICHALAK
State Hornet

Sacramento State officials fired off an emergency e-mail pleading for Writing Proficiency Exam readers just hours before the test was last administered, but the shortage of graders is nothing new.

Bob Buckley, chairman of the Faculty Senate, sent out the last minute mass e-m to faculty on March 15, asking that faculty sign up to grade exams that students took the next morning.

Readers receive $210 for participating in a one-hour training session and grading

Those interested were asked to contact the WPE office secretary, Bev Reed, as soon as possible.

WPE coordinator Jon Price said that it is not uncommon to have to find people to grade the tests last minute and that even after they've signed on, they often do not show.

"There are a tremendous number of exams, and we need a large number of people to grade them," Price said.

Sacramento State senior Heidi Naden was surprised to hear about the e-mail.

Naden said that she worried that the WPE grading was not being handledefficiently.

"This is a test that students need to graduate, it's important. This memosounds like they are just throwing whoever they can together last minute.

"They need a better system for such an important exam," Naden said.

Price said that although the memo did not specify who was qualified to grade the tests, it was geared toward professors and graduate students.

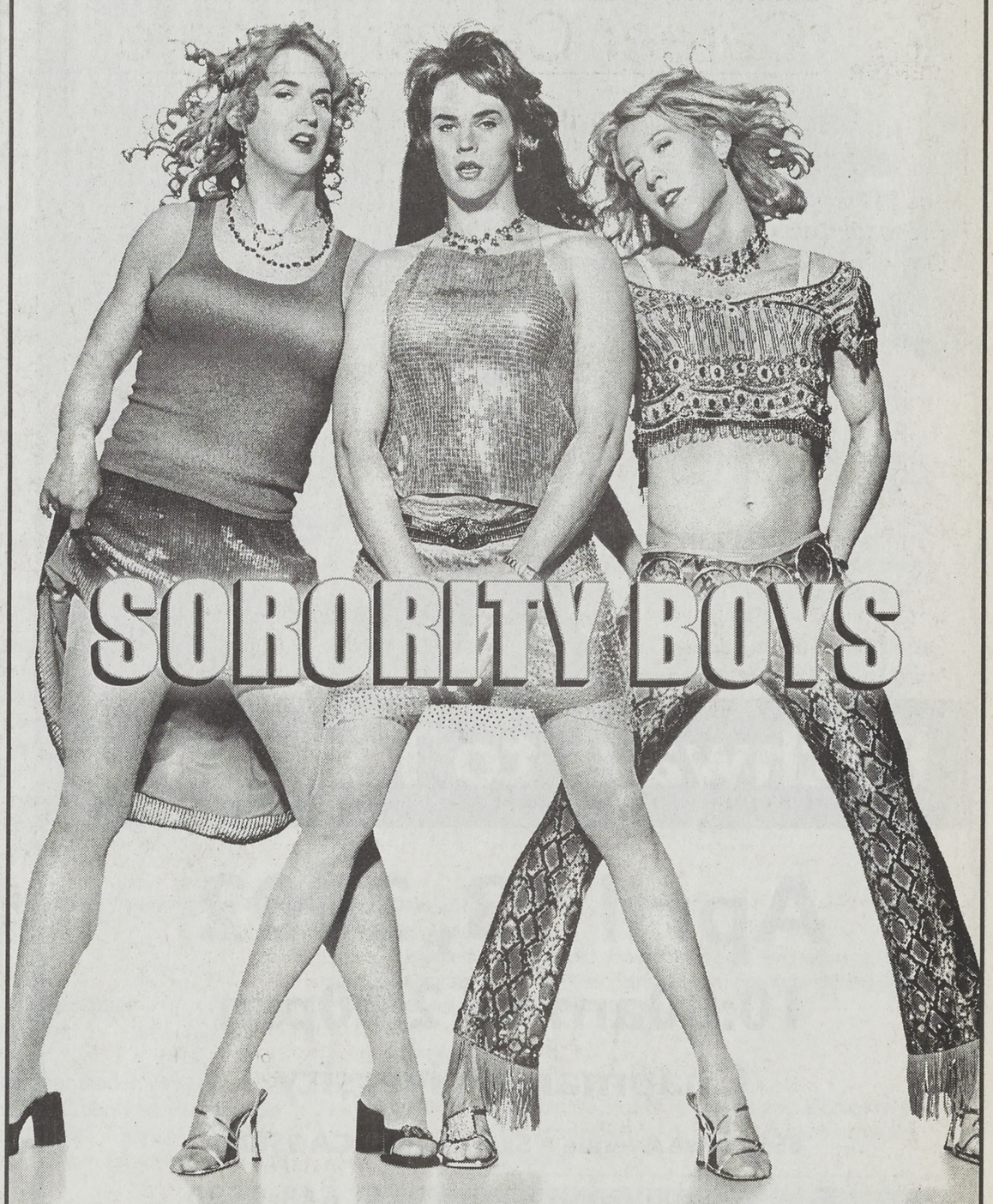
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"The graders are nearly all college professors," Price said.

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Media Services adding 'smart rooms'

80 percent of classrooms on campus are 'smart rooms'

ADRIENNE MOORE
State Hornet

Every Sacramento State classroom could someday be a "smart room" – equipped with Internet access, projectors and VCRs to assist students and faculty with course materials.

The high-tech rooms would give faculty the ability to integrate PowerPoint presentations, Web sites and video material into their classes, all through the use of a laptop computer.

It's an ongoing project by the Department of University Media Services to update Sac State's classrooms with the latest technology.

The "smart room" concept was first introduced five years ago and began by upgrading large lecture halls.

But demand for the high-tech rooms has spread quickly, said Denis Ramos, with the Sac State Department of Space Management.

"We've had a great demand for these rooms," Ramos said. "They're really popular among faculty."

Of the 180 classrooms and laboratories on campus, 144 have been upgraded with the new technology.

"Over the past couple years we've seen a big push to get these rooms setup for teachers," said Louise Scanland, supervisor of Classroom and Technology Services. "We're seeing a lot of teachers taking advantage of this technology and (they) are finding it to be a helpful method with different parts of their curriculum."

The rooms don't come cheap. The average upgrade – including a Liquid-Crystal Display projector and screen, VCR, Internet hook-up, installation and renovation costs – runs between $10,000 and $12,000.

Funding for the rooms comes from the California State University chancellor's office and a combination of Lottery money, Sac State campus funds and specific department money.

Choosing which rooms to upgrade has been one of the most challenging

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>
> **Lisa Quaresma, Junior**

aspects of the ongoing project, as campus officials weigh the size and shape of the room and the materials needed to upgrade it when choosing the most cost-effective project, said Gary Dunham, manager of Operations and Technical Services.

"There are a lot of older buildings on campus that are more difficult to upgrade and cost a lot more to convert," he said. "So we've tried to get the so-called 'easy' rooms converted before we touch the harder ones."

Ramos' office asks each college to list five choices for upgrades. A panel then tries to accommodate the first two choices for each school and, if there are remaining funds, upgrade additionalclassrooms.

The academic departments also pay for some of the installation, allowing Ramos' staff to stretch their funds to convert an additional 24 rooms.

The teachers aren't the only ones demanding the upgraded rooms.

Students said they learn and retain class material better in "smart rooms."

"It's more visual, and I'm a visual learner, so it really helps to have the material up on a big screen while my teacher lectures over it," junior Lisa Quaresma said. "I think I remember the information better that way."

The Media Services Department is confident that they will have continued success with the integration of Smart Rooms, and look forward to converting all campus rooms within the next few years.

They said it was just a matter of time and money to upgrade all rooms.

"These rooms allow the sharing of information, and there is an infinite amount of it out there," Dunham said. "We're thrilled to give people the tools that suit their needs and are beneficial to students."

It's Greek to them

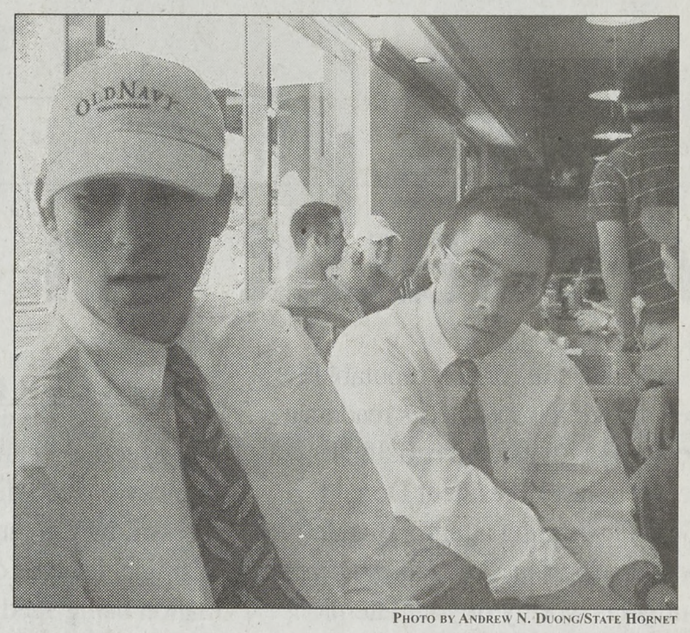


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Tau Kappa Epsilon pledges Sam Amso (left) and Juan Contreras listen to an 'active' fraternity member in the Riverfront Center Pub.

Planners say pay more for full-time faculty

TAEKO WATANABE
State Hornet

Concerned about recent state budget cuts and increasing student enrollment, the Council for University Planning has proposed salary increases for retaining more full-time faculty members, providing a better faculty-student ratio without overcrowding classrooms.

"We have no increased budget for the next year," said Edward Del Biaggio, Vice President of Administration and Business Affairs, in a Budget Status report. He said the university is expecting a $ 600,000 – $ 800,000 reduction, but is seeking additional funding from the state.

A new Enrollment Management plan would also give more academics for freshman and transfers.

But a report by University Institution Research, which has been tracking student enrollment and retention problems, said that enrollment has grown so fast over the past five years that the school facilities cannot keep up.

A recent report indicated that freshmen and transfers out of their major field don't have sufficient, regular academic advising.

While acknowledging that student management is an immediate problem, the biggest goal is to gain more full-time faculty, said Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Noble.

"We have terrible budgetary, mechanical construction, and not enough people to research for it," Noble said.

Sacramento State has been hiring temporary or part-time lecturers since 1996 without increasing faculty workloads.

Concerns about decreasing full-time faculty were raised by the Council members. Full-time faculty have to advise more students because temporary faculty cannot.

As a result, the proportion of tenure-track faculty has declined from 73.8 percent in 1997 to 64.1 percent in fall 2001, according to Noble.

For 10 years, Sac State let each department decide class structure with input from the college, the department and faculty. That encouraged creativity from the faculty, but was discouraged from an academic level, he added.

The university has been facing a growing number of full-time faculty retirements. The number of faculty participating in the Early Retirement Program increased from 47 in 1997 to 151 in fall 2001.

Ric Brown, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, said the school is going to hire more 10-year tenure-track faculty than three-year tenure-track faculty for the goal.

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"...food can dent a budget faster than Associated Students, Inc. can screw one up."
Russ Edmondson, below

Assault on free speech

FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE

It is difficult for any reputable newspaper to report to its readers a complaint on its own behalf. However, we believe President Donald Gerth's alarming attempt to gain veto power over *The State Hornet*'s yearly budget is worthy of your attention.

In a memorandum issued this January, Gerth ordered that *The State Hornet* budget be submitted to him for approval. In sum, Gerth has given himself the power to accept or reject our operating budget at his whim, making him the effective publisher of the only major student medium on campus.

The move has left the editors of *The State Hornet* with serious first amendment concerns. No truly free student press can have its budget controlled by University authorities. The result could be a chilling effect on future news or opinion pieces critical to Gerth and his administration.

Gerth claims liability issues as his main motivation for the budget takeover. If *The Hornet* faces a lawsuit, according to Gerth, financial responsibility will fall on Associated Students, Inc., who currently provide our accounting and payroll services. However, according to the Student Press Law Center, there has not been a single instance of a backing organization being sued for the editorial content in a student newspaper.

Furthermore, ASI President Artemio Pimentel and former President Jason Bryant pledged to continue providing accounting services to *The Hornet*, with the understanding that it not be held liable for the paper's content. This condition is clearly stated both in *The Hornet*'s legal charter and the disclaimer on the bottom of this page. Commendably, Pimentel recently reiterated the pledge to continue accounting services for our student-earned budget, further making Gerth's motivation of protecting ASI invalid.

The State Hornet was further disturbed by the lack of necessary input involved in Gerth's decision. In assuming final control over *The Hornet*'s budget, Gerth failed to discuss the issue with the State Hornet Publications Board, the panel of students, faculty and administrators that currently decides a variety of issues pertaining to *The Hornet*, including its budget. Since the decision, he has not attended a single Publications Board meeting or asked the input of any member of *The Hornet* staff.

At press time, rumors are circulating that Gerth is reconsidering his decision. If this is true, we commend Gerth for considering both sides of the issue. Hopefully, he will decide to leave the newspaper fully independent. We believe our readers should be as critical of administration policies as they should the opinions that appear in these pages. However, without a truly free press, the previous is not possible.

KSSU radio, the only other student-run medium on campus, lacks the signal to reach students on a large scale. The CSUS Bulletin is run by Gerth's own public relations officers. This leaves *The Hornet* as the only true forum for critical student voices. Allowing Gerth control over our budget seriously jeopardizes free speech on campus.

System of fear

The following letter is fictitious, although the facts and quotes it contains are very real. The anecdotes and quotes were drawn from a 33-page report compiled by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and a group of attorneys.

To: Would-be 'terrorists'
From: President George W. Bush

On behalf of my fellow Americans, I would like to say that six months after the Sept. 11 attacks which killed more than 2,800 of our citizens, our nation is still stiff in its resolve on the war on terror. If you are a suspected terrorist, I'm warning you, punishment will be harsh. My administration, in collaboration with Attorney General **John Ashcroft**, has established an unprecedented system of justice designed to prevent and punish future acts of terror on American soil.



JOSH LEON

Based on our record so far, I would like you to consider the potential punishment you will face if arrested on the suspicion of terrorist connections. First, you will face heavy interrogation at the hands of our INS and FBI officials. The process can take hours, and is extremely unpleasant. For an example, just look to the five Israeli prisoners who were reportedly held blindfolded in their underwear while my officials dutifully questioned them on their potential ties with terror.

In addition, do not be consoled by Ashcroft's repeated assurances that you will have the right to a pro-bono attorney should you become our prisoner. Just take the word of one of our detainees who was held in a county jail for two months without charges: "There is a list of lawyers, but I've tried to call all the numbers and they don't work. It's not worth trying again because none of them accept our collect calls."

If you become one of our fortunate prisoners who can afford an attorney, I assure you, your attorney-client privileges are far from guaranteed. As I write to you, my federal investigators are withholding the location of many of our prisoners from their attorneys. And, in many instances, we have been openly monitoring private conversations between the attorneys and their clients.

To make matters even more difficult, we have been rapidly transporting our prisoners around the country, which would make it extremely difficult for your lawyer and family members to find you. Of course, family visitations are a scarce privilege for you and your kind. In one instance, one of our suspect's visiting rights were suspended for 60 days for continuing to pray while a prison guard entered his cell.

Finally, you should be under no illusion that you will be free from cruel and unusual punishment if you become our suspect. Often bound in shackles—whether we have any suspicion of violent behavior or not—our prisoners face constant physical and psychological abuse. This includes long, often open-ended terms of solitary confinement. Don't believe me? Just read an excerpt written in a letter from one of our detainees: "I have now been in confinement for three and a half months and by the time of the next hearing I will have been here for four months. If it hadn't been for the Koran and prayer, I would have lost my mind or had a nervous breakdown. Why am I imprisoned? Why in solitary confinement? And why under maximum security measures? I have many questions with no answers. What are they accusing me of? Nobody knows."

In addition, as reports from inside our prisons indicate, there have been widespread beatings at the hands of our guards and officers, and a lack of medical attention for many of our prisoners.

In closing, I would like to thank America's convicted felons and violent criminals for their contribution to the war on terror. Many of our prisoners, most of which are held on immigration charges, have been placed in cells or dormitories and left to mingle with the worst of our felons. As a result, there have been reported counts of overt abuse against the suspects and the obvious psychological distress that comes with being locked up with a convicted criminal.

And remember, most of our 300 prisoners are being held on minor charges and some are held on no charges at all. This I want to make clear: We will investigate terror as long as we see fit, and though none of our prisoners have faced charges directly related to Sept. 11, we will work to find a connection.

G.W. Bush

Is this letter unfair? Give Josh Leon a piece of your mind at ***forum@statehornet.com****.*

Readers' Forum

Hidden frame

In the story "Evening students fear for their safety after class," in the March 6 Hornet, you included an anecdote about a student encounter with a homeless person. This anecdote made some assumptions that I found very disturbing. To illustrate what I found disturbing about the article, here is the same article with one word substituted:

"While waiting for her husband to pick her up near the Hornet Bookstore, a black man approached her and tried to make conversation. Brown Rivers tried to walk away, but the man followed her. Afraid for her safety, she ran to a campus phone and dialed 9-1-1."

I think you would agree that if the article was written this way, it would have been clearly offensive because it would have implied that "black" was the only word necessary to explain why this person was frightening.

Not all homeless people conform to media stereotypes. Some of them look and act just like everyone else, save for the fact that they do not have a home. Some homeless people have full-time jobs, and some homeless people are full-time college students.

I would suggest that in future articles you follow the writer's axiom of "show, not tell" and describe the qualities that make a person frightening, instead of referring to an unverified judgment that the person does not have a home.

Brian St.Claire-King

Research needed

The March 6 article, "Union, CSU strike deal" was incorrect in a number of statements. Stating that "The agreement...excludes merit raises based on outside projects," and that "Faculty Merit Increases, which reward faculty for outside research and writing," incorrectly leave the reader with the impression that faculty should not engage in scholarly activity. Sacramento State is a university, not a community college or high school, and its mission should be to create and disseminate knowledge. Scholarly activity is a fundamental obligation of university faculty, benefiting students, faculty and the University as a whole.

Professors are scholars, not simply teachers. The research and creative activities undertaken by Sac State professors are in no way "outside work."

Randy L. Phelps
Associate Professor
Physics and Astronomy

Keep it up

I just want to thank Samantha Hinrichs for her article, "Keep it on, Ladies."

It seems to me that the phenomenon of women on campus wearing too little is happening more often now days. There are a lot of good-looking females out here on campus, but none seem to care if they are showing off too much. It does cheapen the body and the person, if you ask me. "The more they take off, the less I become interested."

Michael Malapaya
Junior

It's a war!

I must have missed the point of Samantha Hinrichs' column, "Below the Bombs: the Real War in Afghanistan." She seemed not to be taking issue with the war on terror itself, but rather with the fact that the United States is using such overwhelming firepower (specifically the thermobaric bomb) in conducting it. Perhaps she feels our planes should be dropping payloads of rotten eggs and rolls of toilet paper so that we can annoy the Taliban and express our displeasure without anyone getting hurt. The reason we are dropping bombs in the first place is to kill people and blow things up, if we have a new bomb that does a better job of this we should use it.

Not to sound callous, but as long as the cowards responsible for Sept. 11 continue to hide in caves and amongst their women and children, a certain number of civilian casualties are inevitable. We should do what we can to limit this, but not at the expense of our military objectives. To oppose the war in Afghanistan as a matter of principle may be unpopular, but to suggest that we put the lives of our service men and women at risk and not proceed to use the full destructive power of our military might shows a lack not only of patriotism, but common sense as well.

Matthew Brooks
Senior

Contribute to Readers' Forum at ***editor@statehornet.com****.*

New dorm needed

Sac State now has the need and the means for a new building

Enrollment is shooting up to unprecedented levels at Sacramento State, and another huge wave of students is expected in the near future. This creates even more competition for the already overcrowded Residence Halls on campus. We need another hall for the students who can't fit in the dorm space that exists currently.

If not, more students, who would like to live on campus, will be pushed to apartments. Sure, many of these apartments are, in fact, cheaper than the $700 per month price that students pay for a dorm room, but that is misleading. With an apartment, the major conveniences of living in a dorm room are lost.

First of all, students living off campus have to pay for their own food, rather than live off the dining commons' food included in the $700. This is major, since food can dent a budget faster than Associated Student's, Inc. can screw one up.

That alone would probably make living on campus cheaper if the students in the dorms used their dining commons food regularly. But it is not the only advantage of the dorms.



RUSS EDMONDSON

With the independence that apartments provide, come leases. Some students are forced to commit for a year just to get the apartment they want, if they can even find one at all. This contract keeps the students in Sacramento all summer long, whether they like or not.

Contrastly, residents in the dorms are only committed for a semester and are not paying for the space over winter or summer break. Many students at Sac State, especially freshman and sophomores, choose to go home over both of the breaks. But if the dorms are full, and students have to be put on a waiting list, which happens at Sac State, they are going to panic and find an apartment instead. This sounds reasonable. Although people do it, most people will not elect to start their college experience without a home.

This is where Sac State can help. Build the students another dorm.

The residence halls made $1.23 million more than it spent last year, total revenues were $4.6 million and total expenditures were only $3.37 million, according to figures released to The Hornet earlier this semester. Certainly this pile of money can be dipped into to provide a start for another residence hall. As for the rest of the cash, there are ways for this University to get money when it needs it. After all, when it was decided that another parking garage was a necessity, the money did not hold the University back. There is no reason that it should in this situation either.

Another building for students to live on campus is needed and should be a priority. Sac State, stop making students sign long leases and buy their own food if they would rather live in a dorm room. Make the room; build another hall. You have the money to do it. So do it.

Disagree? Argue your point with Russ Edmondson by e-mailing him at ***forum@statehornet.com****.*

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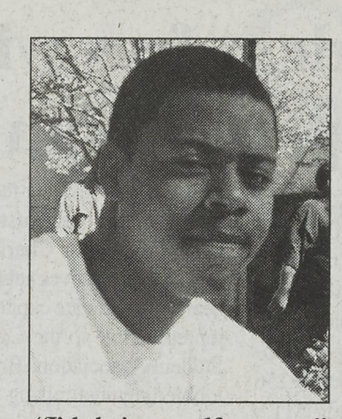
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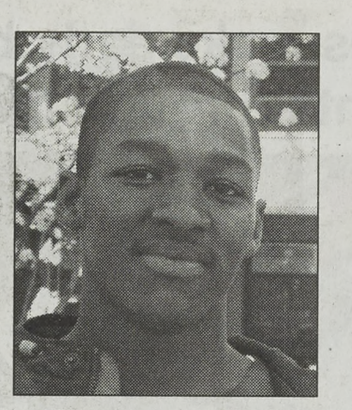
"I'd chain myself to a tree."

Reon Hart
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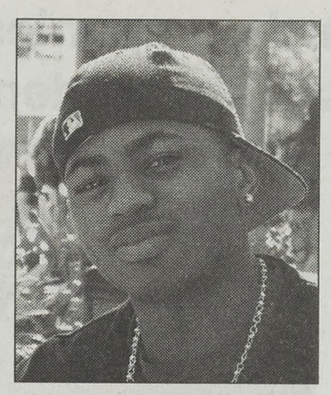
"The parking pass I have is fine."

Ashlee Britton
Freshman
Psychology



"I'd start a petition."

Tory Spirling
Junior
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"I'd walk around naked."

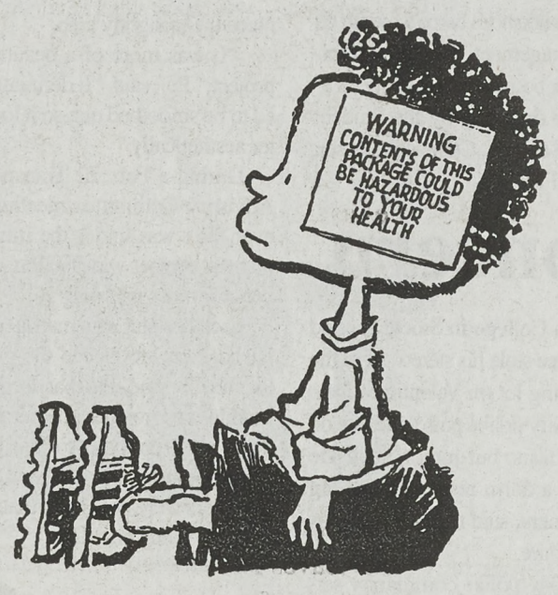
Charles Amey
Senior
Communication Studies



"I'd pay 20 extra dollars."

Jacqueline Thomas
Sophomore
Psychology





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Are we slaves to our perceptions?

Walking across campus one afternoon, I conducted a very unscientific experiment. I smiled at people. I looked into the eyes of my fellow students. One person returned my friendly (and hopefully unthreatening) gaze. He knew me from a class last semester. Another lady smiled at me, made eye contact, and she was quite a bit older than the average student.



SAMANTHA HINRICHS

Entering Mariposa hall, I ran into an anthropology student I know. "I just walked over here from the Union and I didn't get a single smile! What's up with that?" I said.

"I know, I hate it. People are so closed off," she replied.

Listen folks, we are all here together. There is no better way to meet new people than within a group that shares the same environmnent.

Are people so caught up in the drama of Sacramento State that they cannot smile, or at least a nod their heads to recognize another human? Nah. Are classes so tough that the joy of walking through a beautiful spring day eludes them completely? Umm, not really. Or are we so conditioned to feel threatened by another human that even when we are made common due to our shared experience, we hold tight, only releasing to those that we can "trust?" Aha.

Life is not uniquely dangerous at this time. People generally don't attack, and we actually live in a pretty safe world. Due to the massive exposure of violent actions and words everyday that we are continuously in contact with, we have come to believe that our world is hostile. **Vincent Schiraldi** of the Justice Policy Institute says, "between 1992 and1996, despite the fact that there was a 20 percent decline in homicides in America, there was a 721 percent increase in coverage of murders on the ABC, CBS and NBC evening news."

Media coverage highlights the sensational instead of the ordinary. In point, analyze your reaction to the word "ordinary" and I suspect you might think it less desirable. This is partially attributable to our wide conditioning from incessant information dumping. Can you picture a world where the actions of teachers were highlighted, where every night a hero was interviewed about his non-violent act? Compare this to our modern day heroes: Bush and his bombs and football stars "killing" the competition.

"We're at a low point for violence, not just violence that involves kids, but the whole population. But if you ask people on the street, they tend to think everything is terrible," said **Melissa Sickmund**, co-author of "Juvenile Offenders and Victims," a 1999 National Report issued by the Department of Justice. This is due to a lack of balance, both in the media and what people greedily respond to, similar to eating too much sugar. It's great for adrenalin rushes, but devastating for the long-term health.

I was riding my bicycle home from my night class and saw a muscular man crouched low to the ground 30 feet ahead of me, legs spread, ready to sprint. I was riding directly toward him, and before I could turn, he bolted. I freaked! He ran past me, only practicing his sprints using the white stop line as a starting line. How might my heart have pounded differently if I hadn't seen so many "scary music on a dark road" scenes? Thank goodness real life doesn't have scary music, or people would be having heart attacks all the time.

Our expectation of harm has trickled down to everyday interactions, resulting in a cold, unapproachable face that we put out to "protect" ourselves. We are isolating ourselves into dangerous boxes. Smile sometime. It'll change your view.

Disagree? E-mail Samantha Hinrichs at ***forum@statehornet.com.***

Florida, here I come

I know it's not manly to admit you miss your parents, but I do. It has been about five months since I last saw them in November, before they packed up their wagon and moved to Florida.

I'll be seeing them over Spring Break and getting reacquainted with their lives. Nothing has really changed for me since they left, but they are experiencing a new world and meeting new friends.

I've been apart from them before, but I always knew that I could see them if I wished, since they lived 45 minutes away. But it's kind of frightening to accept the fact that they live on the other side of the country and stick their feet in a different ocean.



MATT WAGAR

They say Florida is a nice place except for the humidity. My parents love it so far. They told me about the manatees and the Grapefruit League and the Major League baseball spring training. They've been to Cape Canaveral and visited the beaches and can't wait to show me around when I arrive. But all I really want to do is step off the plane and give 'em a big hug. Not very dramatic or exciting, but something that I need.

Hopefully, they are really as happy as they seem.

I also can't wait to see our chocolate lab, Cocoa. I know she'll be excited to see me and will greet me with the exuberance of an old friend, licking my face and rolling on her back so I can scratch it.

Seems strange, doesn't it? The mundane things we take for granted every day that give us such simple pleasures. I almost miss the brown dog hair and drool on the leg of my pants.

I hope my mom makes me a good home cooked meal; I could really use some real food after consuming mainly fast food and the chunks of food that I've found underneath the cushions of my sofa for the past six months.

Before this starts to sound like a sappy **Craig Wilson** column from *USA Today*, I should mention that I will be spending time at Daytona Beach, consuming adult beverages and soaking up some of that Florida sun. I'll let you know how the water is.

After all, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, but there is no way that will compare with seeing my parents on the cusp of their new lives. By now, I am sure they are settled into their daily routines and the new house is all situated.

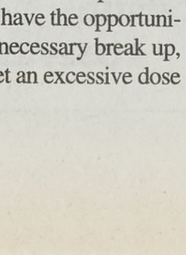
It's odd that the older you get the more you miss your parents and stop taking them for granted. I don't think I would have felt this way four or five years ago. When I turned 18, I moved to Eugene, Ore. and, even though I was 400 miles away, I didn't miss my parents as much as I do now.

Have any travel advice for Matt Wagar? E-mail him at ***forum@statehornet.com.***

Beware of Spring

When the sun begins to creep out from behind the clouds and spring flowers begin to bloom, be careful because more than allergies are around the corner. Just as people begin to pull their flip-flops out of their cold-weather hiding spots, the relationship break up season is about to begin.

Break up season is known as the ever-popular Spring Fever. For a reason unknown to me, couples new and old often have the highest break up rates in the spring. Valentine's Day is usually the beginning of the bickering and, as March rolls around and the sun comes out, boyfriends and girlfriends are often given their pink slips. However, you can still have a great Valentine's Day and be given your walking papers. That whole reminder of commitment wreaks havoc on many relationships.



CRYSTAL CLARK

The other side of the fence always seems brighter than the side you are pacing on. Men and women are both capable of catching Spring Fever. So beware, it's very contagious. Once your friend catches it, you are bound to feel the itching of Spring Fever—and the urge to end a relationship—as well. You may begin to realize that the other side of the fence was not brighter, but more seductive, since new things, and new people, always seen more exciting.

Those who discover this phenomenon fast enough have the opportunity to mend an unnecessary break up, but others who get an excessive dose of Spring Fever often realize too late what they lost. Admittedly, some break ups are best for both parties involved, but that does not make the breakup period any easier, unless you were looking for a way out.

Women tend to hold onto past relationships, although they know that arguing daily with their partner is not healthy. More often than not, the hardest thing to admit is the truth, and who honestly wants to be broken up with? How do you know who you are meant to be with? There are many overpriced textbooks out there on numerous topics, why isn't there one on choosing a proper mate? That would be one book I wouldn't complain about the cost of.

Not all couples experience Spring Fever, but those that got together during the cold weather months tend not to last through the warm summer months. I am not wishing bad karma on anyone. This is rather a report on what I have seen in the past and what is currently happening on campus. If you don't experience a Spring Fever break up, you probably know someone who will. Be supportive of those who are victims.

No one enjoys the process of going from "we" back to "I." In all, as women begin to shed their clothes, and toes start to peek out of open toed shoes, people also begin shedding their significant others.

So ladies and gentlemen, be prepared, the sunshine may bring a break up in your future. If you are single, look at the bright side of Spring Fever: There will be many new men and women entering the dating pool as soon as the sun comes out. Happy Spring!

Disagree? Tell Crystal Clark what spring is really all about at ***forum@statehornet.com.***

This campus needs an overhaul

Sacramento State hates its students. OK, maybe "hate" is a little too strong, but the University does do a great number of things to make students' lives rather difficult.

The latest example of this is the discontinuation of free chlamydia testing. Apparently the University would rather its students walk around scratching their crotches and urinating neon green than being healthy. But this is just the most recent development in the University's less than magnanimous treatment of Sac State students.



RYAN FLATLEY

The expensive food on campus is another example of this. Students are, by definition, poor. So why does this campus seem to think the student body has $2 to spend on one taco at Gordito Burrito in the University Union?

Speaking of the University Union, when can we expect a name change to Student Union? There are more than enough students on campus to justify such a thing. This would be a place where students could go to hang out or study. The bulk of the University Union is dedicated to offices and meeting rooms instead of services for students.

Study space has also been a long complaint of students. Benches were placed in Mariposa Hall to make up for this. Oh Sac State, you spoil us so. There's nothing like hard wooden benches to make the activity of studying more enjoyable. As we all know, a rearranged spine as a result of hours sitting on those benches helps to increase and maintain one's attention span. Would it kill the University to put a cushion or two on those things? Studying in the Union is usually done on the second floor, but it is so crowded lately that the Fireplace Lounge looks like a refugee camp.

But that has been the story at Sac State lately: crowds everywhere, all the time. There's hardly any place to park on campus nowadays, but the new parking garage is supposed to change all of that. Of course, they are not actually adding a vast number new spaces with the structure, they're merely replacing many of the spots taken away with new buildings like the Alumni Center and the Regional and Continuing Education Building.

University needs to be more student friendly

Here's a question: Instead of building the garage, why didn't they spend the money lobbying the City of Sacramento to build a lightrail stop closer to campus so students could cut down on traffic and save money at the same time?

The answer is simple: The University just does not care about our happiness.

So they throw a parking garage at us and pretend that they have helped us out. Meanwhile, they still get to collect the fees from thousands of parking passes.

The students have subconsciously picked up on this. One does not have to go far to find evidence. Just walk around one of the parking lots and see how many students are sitting in their cars reading, rather than going onto campus. This screams of the discomfort students have here. They are not made to feel welcome.

Frankly, the University seems like it would be content if we all used distance education and stayed off campus altogether, because it does not do anything for its students to show they care.

It's time they try something new, perhaps a free T-shirt giveaway, a new hall for students with plenty of study space, and maybe they could make a big deal out of the sports teams. In short, we trust Sac State with our tuition checks and our future, and it wouldn't hurt them to show us that they love their students every once in a while.

Does Ryan Flatley have his lines crossed; or does the University need a change? E-mail him at ***forum@statehornet.com.***

Debt: Credit card companies make early bid to reach high school students through mail

■DEBT: From page A1

pay them off.

Bankruptcy filings by 18 – 24-year-olds rose 51 percent between 1991 and 1999, according to *The San Francisco Chronicle*. In 1999, the same age group made 6.9 percent of all bankruptcy filings.

According to the California Public Interest Research Group, 80 percent of students have at least one credit card, and 48 percent of students have paid late fees for missing payments. Seven percent of students have had credit cards canceled due to delinquent payments.

A survey of Sac State campus businesses including Round Table Pizza and the Copy Graphics Center revealed that approximately 45 percent of student purchases are paid for with credit cards.

Brian Castaneda of the Copy Graphics Center said he has seen students charge as little as 15 cents for copies on their credit cards, but he added that most students don't carry cash and a lot of them use ATM check cards.

Six of seven students interviewed possessed one or two credit cards in addition to carrying student loans.

According to a pamphlet put out by the university's Financial Services Center, it takes 15 years to pay off a starting balance of $2,500 at 17.9 percent interest if only the minimum payments are made.



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Credit card debts can sneak up on college students, but the Sac State Student Financial Services Office can helpwith advice and workshops.

The Center makes presentations on financial management to new students at orientation, including how to choose and use credit cards.

Self said her office also goes with Outreach Services when they visit local high schools to educate students about financial management.

The tentacles of the credit world even reach down to high school students through application mailings, Self said. She doesn't know how the credit companies obtain the addresses of high school students.

The Student Financial Services Office offers workshops twice a month on money management. Workshop reservations can be made by calling 278-6190 or by dropping by the Student Financial Services Center in Lassen Hall, room 1003.

Non-resident fees will pass $10,000 if board passes plan in May meeting

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Approximately 10,800 of the 388,000 CSU students pay non-resident fees, said CSU Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Richard West. If the increase is approved, it will raise tuition from $9,256 to $10,336 a year, generating $11.8 million for the system.

"We do see this as essential in creating additional revenue in a year where we'll need as much revenue as possible," West said at the meeting.

The proposal comes less than a month after the California Legislative Analyst's Office suggested enacting new fee policies in the CSU in preparation for an anticipated $12 billion state budget deficit in 2002-03. That report suggested changes in both resident and non-resident fees.

Following the Trustees meeting, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed and other representatives attended a budget hearing at the state capitol. Sac State's representative to the California State Student Association, Brandon Kline, lobbied against raising tuition at the hearing, but he said the overall feeling is that the legislature considers the increase a done deal.

"The general tone down there is that tough times call for tough measures," Kline said.

Raising fees on out-of-state students makes political sense for the legislature, since those students and their parents don't vote in California, Kline said.

If tuition goes up on one group, however, a hike on the state university fee for residents could be next, he said.

"If they're picking on out-of-state students, eventually it's going to lead to us," Kline said. "It's a domino effect, is how I see it."

Davis' budget proposal leaves out a $27.9 million student fee increase buyout usually picked up by the state, forcing the CSU to look elsewhere for funding. Though the buyout could still find its way into the budget before being signed in June, it's more likely those funds will have to come from somewhere else in the system, said LAO Director of Higher Education Steve Boilard.

"Everything's in the mix," Boilard said. "The issue of CSU undergraduate fees is on the table."

Non-resident tuition hasn't been adjusted since 1991-92, West said.

Possible spaces between Children's Center and Lot 6 to open after approval

■PARKING: From page A1

place the unsightly area.

"It was more of a beautification project," Fox said. "It definitely needed to be smoothed out, so it looks better aesthetically."

During a Feb. 22 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, however, Fox was under the impression that the project was used to pave the way for more parking.

Facilities planning manager Ronald Richardson introduced the project at the meeting and said that decomposed granite was going to be set after the grass was removed so that the area would be used for parking. But TAC members were not aware that the project was going on.

"That was news to me and everybody else at the meeting," said TAC Director of Support Services Ronald Grant. "It's a good idea (if the area will be used for parking). We're just trying to use every space we possibly can for parking."

After the meeting, Richardson found out that the project was in fact not completed for parking.

"I was a little confused with what they were doing," Richardson said. "It was more of a cleanup project."

University workers spread decomposed granite, which is a little more expensive than the gravel used in overflow parking lots and less expensive than asphalt, over the area. Richardson said. But as of now, there aren't any bumper stops or parking lines.

"It's up to Nancy Fox and UTAPS if they want to use it for parking," he said.

And that's what Fox intends to do.

"I've put in the work order for it and now I'm just waiting for an estimate," Fox said. "If we used it for parking the way it is (with decomposed granite), it will get beat down really fast. It's too soft and it's not prepared for a lot of vehicle traffic."

Fox estimated that about 40 parking spaces would open up if the Sac State administration approves of the project, but she admitted that she doesn't know exactly how much parking would be available and how many would be used for faculty or students until it is approved.

Dorm lots a security concern

■HALLS: From page A1

The online frequently asked questions page for housing issues states that to get into the dorms each resident is issued an access card for admittance to the building, as well as a key to their room.

It also states that students are not to admit non-residents who are not their guests in order to ensure safety and security of the hall community.

Sophomore Kaitlin Kaso, a dorm resident and graphic design major, said people are not happy when kept outside.

"If we don't open the door for people we don't know, they get pissed," Kaso said.

Kaso and with other students such as criminal justice major Triana Luce said Desmond Hall – which houses more freshman residents – is where most of the disturbances occur.

Hazem Ibrahim, a graduate student studying intercultural communications, said that the age and maturity of older students in Sutter and Sierra Halls makes it less likely that problems will arise.

Security in the dorm parking lots is also a concern for students.

Tristan Mireles, a transfer student from Delta College in Stockton, said that someone stole his stereo out of the dorm parking lot on Valentine's Day.

University police patrol the lots on a regular basis, but junior Scott De Medeiros, a dorm resident majoring in government, said the parking lot is really insecure.

University police community service officers also patrol the lots, the exterior building areas and grounds and assist University police if necessary.

University Housing Director Cynthia Cockrill was unavailable for comment on this story.



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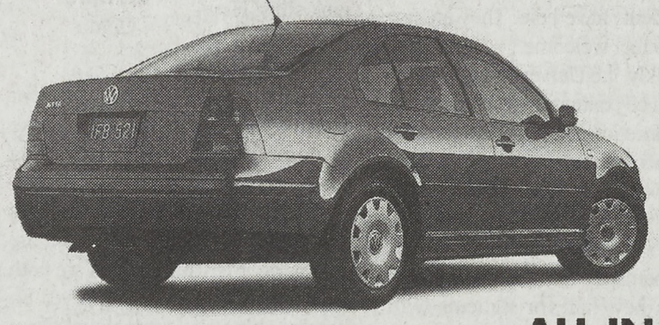
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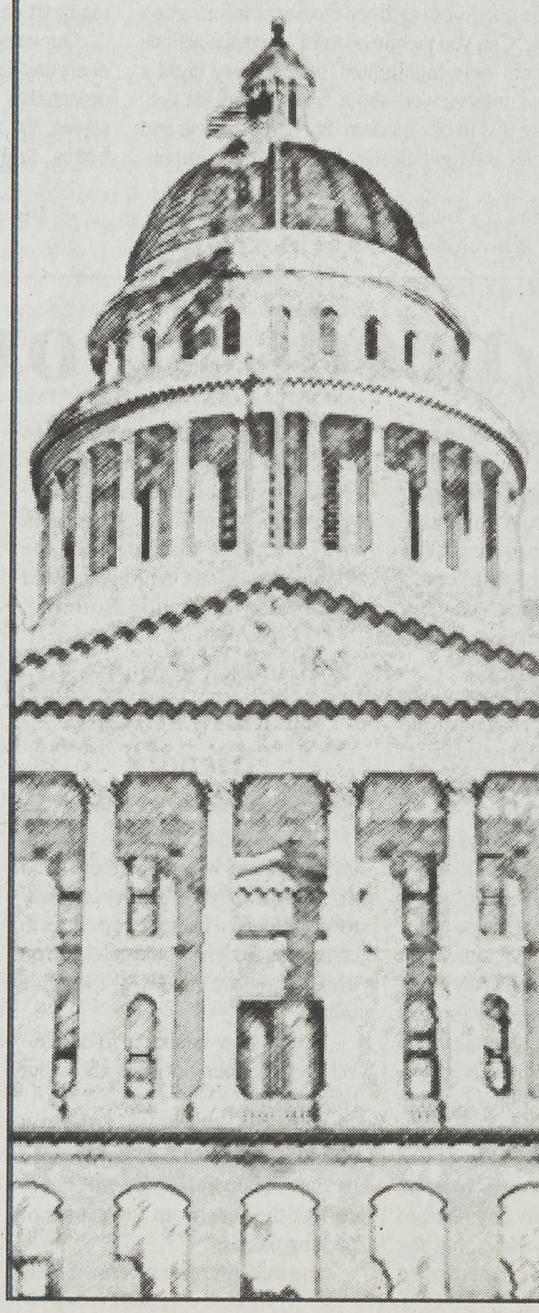
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TEAM OF THE WEEK

Women's tennis continued to tear through its schedule, shuting out San Jose State. The win pushes the Hornets' record to 12-1.

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Stat of the Week

Lori Gillette tied the program-best score in the bars events for the Hornets vs. Davis, notching a score of 9.950.

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Coaching from the press box

JAMES BURNS
Sports Editor

Players don't look to me down the third baseline for bunt signs. They don't look to me for guidance when their first serve continuously misses to the right. I don't coach. But, I do have a stake in the Sacramento State athletic program and, as the Hornets continue to damage their credibility, I'm beginning to think I just might be the only one who gives a damn.

Why did the University of the Pacific host the recent opening-round games of the NCAA Tournament held at Arco Arena?

It never ceases to fail. Just when you think things can't get any worse, Sac State goes and outdoes itself. How is a school almost an hour outside of Sacramento going to host the biggest event in intercollegiate athletics, especially when the forum is in our own backyard?

There is no telling what kind of impact this opportunity will have for UOP in the future. This season marks the third time in the past 12 years that UOP "hosted" the NCAA men's basketball West Regional Tournament. Considering that its name and logo were plastered all over the arena while games were broadcasted into homes all across the nation, chances are that all this positive advertisement didn't hurt its cause.

Sac State lost out to the several benefits that UOP will reap. Aside from the exposure, UOP could receive an honorarium from the NCAA.

Those who volunteered for UOP at the tournament gained excellent experience working at one of the nation's largest athletic stages — the NCAA men's basketball tournament. How's that for a resumè booster? It's a shame that Sac State students couldn't benefit from that experience.

The Tigers will forever be associated with the 2001-02 NCAA Tournament, and, even though they didn't qualify, prospects and recruits are more receptive to that. Sac State, on the other hand, has nothing to show for it. We're simply the other school in Sacramento; you know, behind Davis and UOP.

What's next? Will we be giving the Tigers our lunch money during recess every day, too?

Unfortunately, the athletic department today is paying for the mishaps of yesterday's faculty. Judith Davidson, who was director of athletics just before Debby Colberg took over, failed to place the bid to host the tournament four years ago when it was due.

Why are our most successful sports the ones that aren't sanctioned by the NCAA?

Maybe that isn't the right question. Maybe the question should be: Why doesn't anyone know about rugby, men's volleyball and crew? They should. All three programs combine to have a better winning percentage and stature than our major sports: baseball, football and basketball.

Instead of priding ourselves on losing programs, it might be in the school's best interest to make a change for the better.

And, from this standpoint, that means one of two things needs to take place. Either we start feeding into these more successful programs, or we make a concerted effort to start recruiting the best. Not the best of what's left,

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Committee finally addresses vacancy

JAMES BURNS
State Hornet

Somewhere in the stack of 50 applications lies Sacramento State's new athletic director, waiting to be looked at and weighed by the selection advisory committee. Somewhere on Vice President of Financial Affairs Ed Del Biaggio's is the list of committee members of which he is the chairman.

For now, the committee's greatest test isn't filling the vacancy left by former athletic director Debby Colberg, but meeting with each other and establishing a common objective.

Del Biaggio, who during a phone interview last week was still unclear as to who exactly was on the committee, believes one meeting is all the committee will need to get acquainted with the task and one another.

"That's a good question. I haven't got a list. I know there is faculty on it," said Del Biaggio, as he thumbed around in search of names. "But by the end of Friday's meeting, we'll all be on board heading on into the right direction to make a recommendation."

With the pressure of a May deadline bearing down on the committee, the athletic department can't afford any



Ed Del Biaggio
Selection Chair

less, according to Del Biaggio.

"We're on a tight time frame," Del Biaggio said. "It is self-imposed by the president."

President Donald Gerth recently bumped the proposed announcement of the new athletic director up a month from June to May, hoping to introduce Colberg's successor to the campus while school was still in session.

Though the selection committee has met just once, Del Biaggio and Colberg feel that the committee is in a comfortable position heading into the stretch run, especially after the first two legs of the operation – advertising and consulting.

"We're advertising the position in the Chronicle of Higher Education, NCAA News and the University Web page and then start looking at resumes, narrowing it down to eight," said Colberg, who asked not be on the committee.

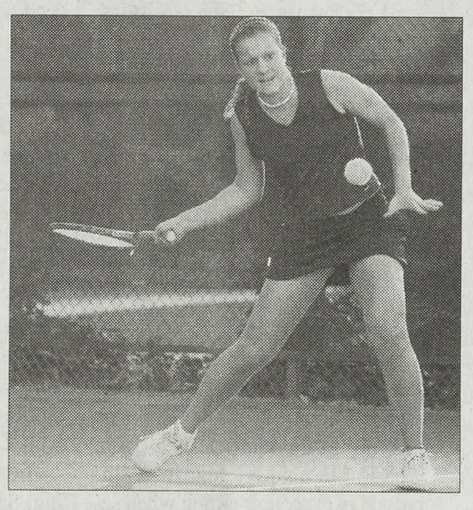
Del Biaggio believes the outside consulting the University has sought has also left the committee in a favorable position, considering that former Notre Dame Athletic Director Gene Corrigan was amongst those examining the campus and the athletic department.

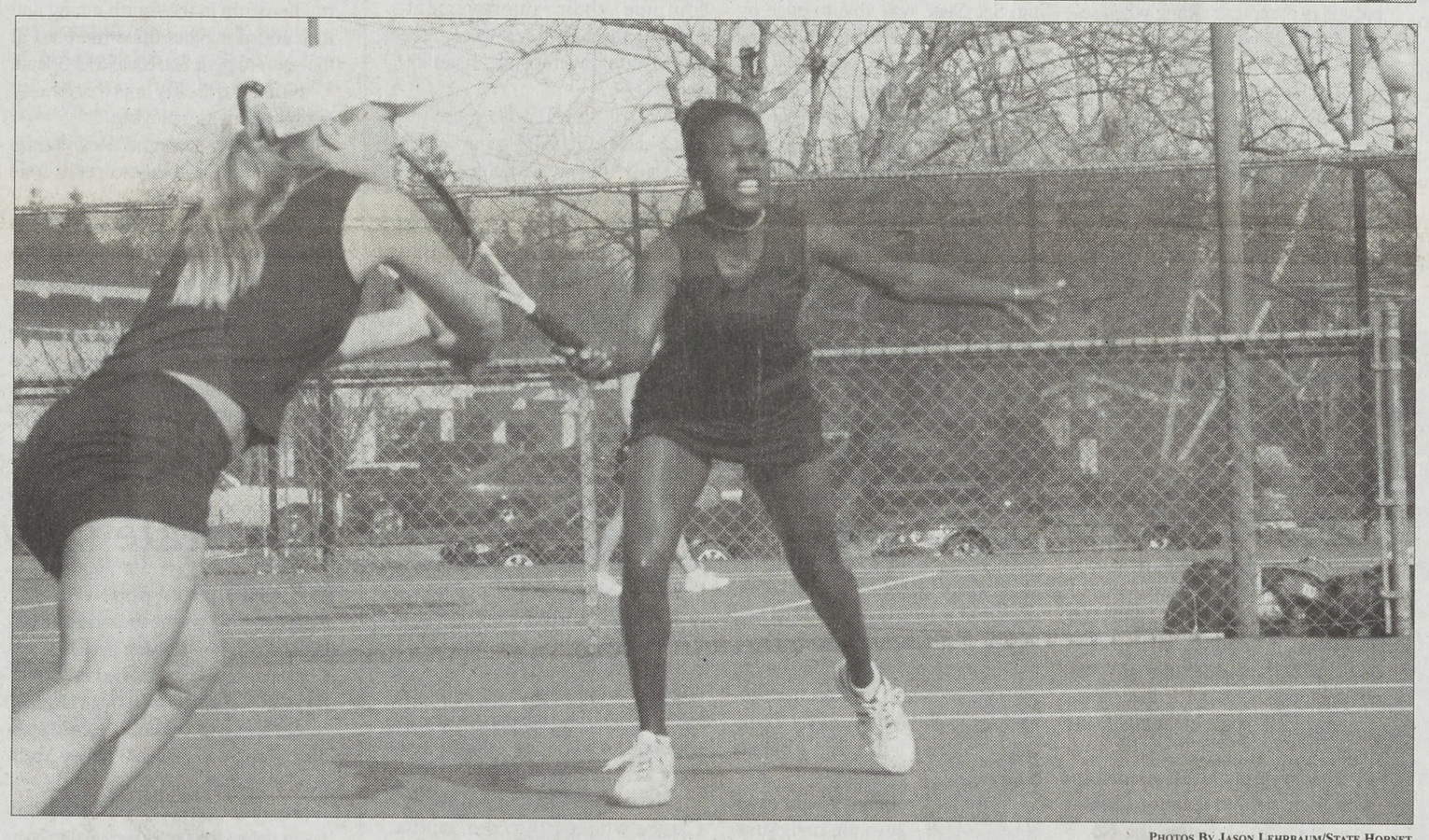
Corrigan boasts a lengthy and successful resume, which includes the hiring of Lou Holtz at Notre Dame.

"We've been consulting broadly," Del Biaggio said."The outside consultants come in and make recommendations."

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A TEAM EFFORT





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Top: Sac State's Amanda Sanches prepares to return a forehand vs. San Jose State's Helen Van during her straight sets victory. Bottom: Roberta Fessenko (left) and Italina Kirknis team up to defeat Van and Coral Silverstone in doubles competition, 8-2.

Women's Tennis

First Place In
Big Sky Conference
Record: 12-1

The Players

Gabriella Lundqvist
No. 1 Singles
Senior
Bastad, Sweden
Singles record: 8-5

Marta Gronowicz
No. 2 Singles
Junior
Saskatoon, Canada
Singles record: 10-3

Petra Abraham
No. 3 Singles
Sophomore
Budapest, Hungary
Singles record: 10-3

Amanda Sanches
No. 4 Singles
Freshman
Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
Singles record: 12-1

Roberta Fessenko
No. 5 Singles
Freshman
Rostov On Don, Russia
Singles record: 5-5

Christana Rivieccio
No. 6 Singles
Freshman
Sacramento, Calif.
Singles record: 8-2

Italina Kirknis
No. 7 Singles
Sophomore
Oakland, Calif.
Singles record: 3-2

The Buzz

Sac State was a preseason pick to finish second in the B.S.C.

The Hornets are riding an eight-game winning streak.

The doubles pair of Gronowicz and Lundqvist has a 9-3 record.

Hornets' only loss was to No. 15 Fresno State.

Hornets run winning streak to eight matches

NICHOLAS LOZITO
State Hornet

SACRAMENTO STATE
TENNIS

On a chilly Friday afternoon, it was fitting that Sacramento State's women's tennis team breezed past San Jose State University at Rio Del Oro Racquetball Club.

The Hornets got off to a quick start by taking two of three doubles matches over the Spartans, earning themselves the doubles point.

The Hornets recorded wins in all six singles matches en route to a 7-0 shutout over San Jose State.

Sac State's 12-1 record places them atop the Big Sky Conference, with a comfortable four-game lead over second place Montana State University.

In a battle of the teams' top singles players, Hornet senior Gabriella Lundqvist made easy work of Ana Luckner, winning 6-2, 6-1.

"Gabriella found out real early that the other girl's forehand was weak," Hornet coach Bill Campbell said.

"(Gabriella) would hit it wide to her backhand and then counter with a forehand crosscourt."

Lundqvist also used her supreme stamina to outlast Luckner.

"I tried to get her to run around and get tired. I felt she got tired in the second set," said Lundqvist, who began playing tennis at the age of eight in her hometown of Bastad, Sweden.

Hornet No. 2 player Marta Gronowicz got off to a slow start against San Jose State's Coral Silverstone, trailing 3-1 at one point in the first set, but came back to win 6-4, 6-2.

"Towards the end of the match my serve was working for me," Gronowicz said. "I started to execute more points by moving her around and attacking."

Petra Abraham won her match after Spartan Anna Norbell came down with a groin injury.

Amanda Sanches raised the team-best singles

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Sac State stumbles and falls to Davis

VINCE ANDREWS
State Hornet

SACRAMENTO STATE
GYMNASTICS

It was an up and down battle for the Sacramento State gymnastics team this past weekend as the Hornets dropped their home finale against the University of California, Davis, Friday.

But they won Saturday in a four-way meet at the University of California, Berkley, against Cal, Boise State University and San Jose State University.

The Hornets started senior night on the right foot against Davis, but the Aggies rained on Sac State's parade with a 193.400-192.125.

With the win, the Aggies raised their record to 12-7 and avenged a loss to the Hornets earlier this season.

The loss snapped the Hornets' four-meet streak in which they reached the 193-point plateau. That streak was a program-high for the Hornets.

After two rotations, Sac State led 96.900-96.675.

But the tide turned when Davis blew the Hornets out on the balance beam 48.000-46.225.

Junior Toni Peterson led the Hornets, placing first on beam (9.75) and the floor (9.9).

Peterson, a Fresno, Calif. native, paced the squad in the all-around competition with a score of 38.125.

Peterson has led the Hornets in all-around competition in seven of their 10

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Jessica Hoffman performs in the uneven bars event for the Hornets.

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Hornets' Classic run ends in quarterfinals

Softball finishes 3-3 in tourney, pitcher honored

ANDRIA WENZEL
State Hornet

The Sacramento State softball team finished 3-3 at the Capital Classic Softball tournament held over the weekend at the Sacramento Softball Complex.

The Hornets were eliminated from the tournament Saturday when they lost in the quarterfinals to No. 7 ranked University of California, Berkeley, 6-2.

"You hope for an upset, but (the Bears) are ranked for a reason," coach Kathy Strahan said.

Ahead 2-0 entering the fifth inning, Cal was able to score four more runs, amassing a 6-0 lead to put the game away.

Cal's fifth-inning rally started when Veronica Nelson singled to left field to allow teammates Kristen Morley and Kaleo Eldredge to score.

The Bears tacked on two more runs before sophomore pitcher Nicole Deatherage got the Hornets out of the inning.

In the bottom of the seventh and final inning, down by six runs, the Hornet offense put together an attack to put a dent in Cal's six-run advantage.

The bases were loaded via a walk, an error and a hit when centerfielder Cathy Coupar approached the plate.

Coupar launched the ball into right-center field, allowing teammates Amber Dragomir (walked) and Alison Norman (reached on error) to score, bringing the Hornets to within four runs.

Sac State's luck ran out, as shortstop Amy Hillel and freshman Lesley Mayhorn both struck out to end the game, eliminating the Hornets from any further advancement in the tournament.

The Hornets advanced to the quarterfinal game by defeating Utah State University, 4-1.

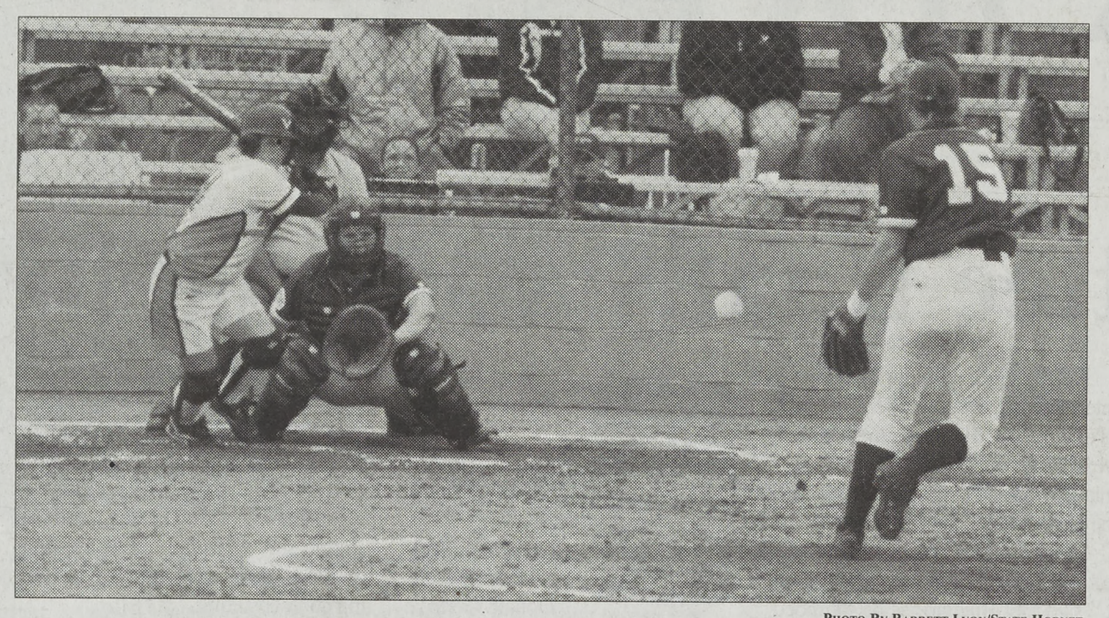


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Sac State tuned up for the Capitol Classic Tuesday, dropping a doubleheader to the University of Virginia at home. The Hornets bowed out of the Capitol Classic in the quarterfinals, losing to the Golden Bears.

Deatherage pitched seven innings, giving up only five hits and one run while striking out five batters.

"Nicole is our tournament MVP," Strahan said. "She has put up some great performances. She is starting to settle down as we add to her responsibilities. She is adapting really well."

Deatherage improved her record to 5-2 and has an ERA of 1.39.

With the game tied at one apiece in the third inning, senior Yolanda Estrada hit her first home run of the year off Aggie pitcher Lindsay Jansen, knocking the ball over the right-field fence.

Estrada's homer seemed to rattle Jansen, and with the bases loaded, Jansen struck Deatherage with a pitch to bring in the Hornets' third run.

Sac State's 3-1 lead was improved in the fourth inning when senior Jillian Bivert singled to center field — one of her three hits of the game — to bring in Estrada, giving the Hornets a three-run advantage.

"Jillian is our No. 3 batter and she has just been really reliable for us in our wins out here," Strahan said.

With a solid defense behind her, Deatherage was able to get her fifth win of the season while leading her team to a 4-1 victory.

"(The tournament) really tests you. You find out what you really can do," Strahan said. "If you succeed, you raise the bar. Tournaments say a lot about how your team stacks up."

Sac State started the tournament Thursday night with an 8-2 win over Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

The Hornets decimated pitcher Amy Odinsoff, who gave up 11 hits and seven runs in six innings of work for the Jaguars.

Bivert worked the Jaguars' batting lineup, allowing only four hits and two runs in seven innings of work and earning herself her fourth win of the season.

In their first game Friday morning, Sac State was able to edge by Middle Tennessee State University, 4-3.

Deatherage was the starting pitcher for the Hornets and gave up 10 hits and three runs but also was able to take advantage at the plate as well as on the mound.

Deatherage led the team with two RBIs and was able to win the game in the bottom of the seventh inning when she singled to right field, bringing in Bivert.

Sac State suffered later in the afternoon with consecutive losses to University of Virginia and University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in pool play.

Sac State fell 4-2 to Virginia, as the Cavaliers capitalized on five walks given by the Hornet pitching staff, which only gave up four hits.

UNLV handed the Hornets their second loss of the tournament, as Sac State was shutout 3-0.

Senior Cathy Coupar was the only Hornet to record a hit in the game as Rebel pitcher Jackie Kerrigan shutout the rest of the lineup.

Coupar was an all-tournament selection.

The Hornets boosted their overall record to 11-17 and are looking to continue their improvement.

Over the past three weeks, the team batting average has risen .50 points.

"We've played a little up and down and given games away," Strahan said. "But we've settled down and played really well."

The Hornets will next play a double header at home against the University of the Pacific on Saturday.



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Nebraska got a run in the eighth to beat Cal in the final, 4-3.

Late-game heroics lift 'Huskers

JAMES BURNS
State Hornet

After surrendering a 3-0 lead in the seventh inning and allowing the University of California, Berkeley, to tie the game, the University of Nebraska's Lisa Wagner finally put the wraps on the 2002 Capitol Classic Softball Tournament and the championship, slapping the game-winning RBI-single in the eighth inning.

The No. 5 ranked Cornhuskers won their second Capitol Classic championship, defeating the No. 7 ranked Golden Bears 4-3.

Nebraska completed the four-day event undefeated, sliding through the tournament brackets with an 8-0 record, stretching its program-high winning streak to 19 games.

Berkeley, who came into the final fresh off a 9-1 trouncing of the University of Miami (Ohio) in the semi-final, suffered its first loss of the tournament in the final.

The Cornhuskers' offense didn't wait long, leaving a lasting impression on the Golden Bears' pitching staff and the scoreboard in the second inning, racing out to a quick 3-0 lead. Nebraska employed the long ball to perfection, connecting on back-to-back-to-back home runs by Leigh Suhr, Peaches James and Amanda Buccholz.

The Golden Bears would exact revenge in the seventh, orchestrating a two-out rally with a little power of their own. After Kristin Morley drew a walk, Candace Harper followed suit with a two-run home run.

With the Golden Bears trailing by 3-2, Veronica Nelson connected on a solo shot to knot the game – setting the stage for Wagner's heroics.

Tournament Selection

Pitcher Nichole Deatherage was the only Hornet player selected to the 2002 Capitol Classic All-Tournament Team.

For the tournament, Deatherage batted .333 (4-for-12) with three RBI's. Deatherage was equally as effective in the chalked circle for the Hornets, where she led the squad in appearances with four, working a total of 21.1 innings.

The sophomore rounded out the Classic with a 1-0 record, with a complete game, 16 strikeouts and a microscopic ERA of 1.31.

The right-hander from Oak Ridge High School is currently the ace of the Hornet pitching staff, with an overall record of 5-2 with a 1.39 ERA.

Kinsey sets single game record with three homers, team splits with Mustangs

KEVIN KORNEGAY
State Hornet

The Sacramento State baseball team had another monster performance from one of its power hitters this weekend, as the Hornets split a two game non-conference series at California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo.

The Hornets are 12-9 after the weekend while the Mustangs stand at 13-17-1.

Last week, catcher Joe Evans batted .700 (7-for-10) and smashed four home runs and 12 RBIs in a three-game series against Washington State University.

This time, it was sophomore first baseman Chris Kinsey who had the hot bat, going 4-of-5 with three home-runs, a new single-game record, and eight RBIs in the Hornets' convincing 18-3 game 2 victory. Game 3, scheduled for Sunday, was canceled due to rain.

Kinsey was a late addition to the lineup Saturday, as a ground ball caromed off his forehead in a 12-4 loss in Game 1. Coach John Smith decided at the last minute to start Kinsey as a designated hitter, and his decision paid immediate dividends.

"He did have some swelling and a bruise on the right side of his face, but he gave us the OK to start him as the DH," assistant coach Brian Hewitt said. "Obviously, it didn't affect him too much because he got started early."

Kinsey opened up the scoring in the first inning with a three-run shot before the first out of the game was recorded. He then connected on a two-run homerun in the fourth inning and then added another three-run blast in the sixth to give Sac State a13-3 lead.

Kinsey quickly answered any doubts about him playing.

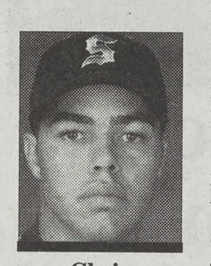
"This is no surprise," Hewitt said. "Kinsey has the ability to get in zone like this in any game."

Freshman Everet Rincon had his best offensive performance of the season, going 5-for-6 and scoring four runs while junior Danny Gill and freshman Matt Wilson added a homerun apiece. Evans, last week's Big West Conference player of the week, extended his hitting streak to 11 games by going 1-for-5.

"Rincon busted out (Saturday)," Hewitt said. "He looked very relaxed at the plate. He was in control of every at-bat."

Sac State's offensive onslaught — 18 hits, five home runs and 36 total bases — was complemented by its defense and pitching.

Sophomore Marshall Plouffe evened his record to 2-2, pitching seven strong innings. Plouffe gave up three runs on nine hits.



Chris Kinsey
Three HR's in 18-3 rout.

"He was masterful tonight," Hewitt said. "He hit all of his spots, got ahead in the count early and really put pressure on the hitters."

His only mistake was a low-cut fastball that Mustang catcher Kyle Wilson blasted over the fence for a solo homerun in the fifth inning.

"We played a complete game tonight, from pitching all the way down to our hitting," Hewitt said. "Patience on both ends was the key."

Game 1 was a different story, as the Hornets committed five errors in a 12-4 loss.

Sac State saw its 2-0 lead evaporate in the bottom half of the first inning, as the Hornets gave up four unearned runs. The Mustangs put the game away in the fourth, scoring four more runs for an 8-2 lead.

Sophomore Kevin Marzion took the loss, giving up eight runs in just four innings.

"We had no defense Friday night," Hewitt said. "We left Marzion out to dry."

The lone bright spot Friday was Evans. He connected on his sixth homerun of the season, going 2-for-4.

Last Tuesday, Sac State dropped a 7-1 decision on the road against San Jose State University. Spartan hurler Mike Malott threw a complete game, allowing just two hits and one run in nine innings of work. Malott walked three and struck out six batters.

Sac State will host a double-header against Stony Brook Saturday. Game 1's first pitch is set for 11 am.

Sac State serves up shutouts

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record to 12-1 as she took care of Helen Van 6-1, 6-4. Roberta Fessenko and Christina Revieccio finished the sweep by both recording 6-0, 6-0 victories.

Sanches and Revieccio teamed up in doubles play to defeat Whitney Vasu-Emily Kuo 8-1.

Fessenko teamed up with Italina Kirknis to defeat the tandem of Helen Van-Silverstone 8-2.

Lundqvist-Gronowicz lost their doubles match to Luckner-Norbell8-6, dropping their doubles record to 9-3.

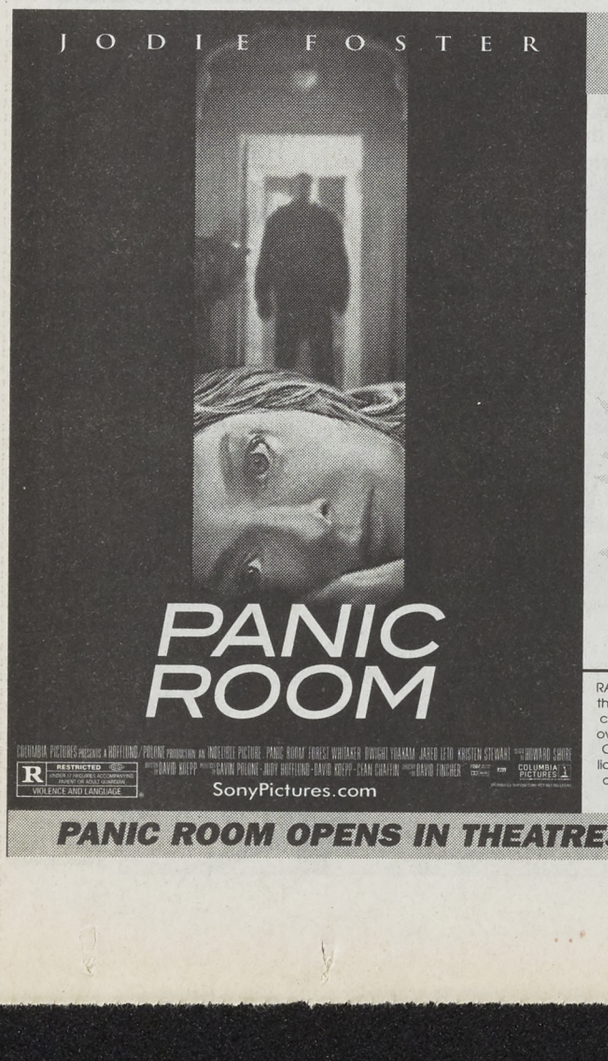
The Hornets' shutout over San Jose State marked their second of the week, as Sac State blanketed Saint Louis University 7-0 on Mar. 11.

The seven Hornets who competed on Friday are made up of three freshmen, two sophomores, one junior and just one senior.

Campbell has been very impressed with his young team. Picked to finish second in the Big Sky in the preseason, Campbell's young squad is exceeding all expectations.

"These kids really know how to work," Campbell said."I think we're getting stronger as we go along."

The Hornets will hit the road for a seven-day, four-match road trip, which will take them to the University of Washington, Montana State, the University of Portland and the University of Nevada.



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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Lara Goold, Gymnastics

Senior Lara Goold has been named Hornet Bookstore Athlete of the Week for her contributions to the gymnastics team's rise in the West Region rankings. Goold recorded a vault score of 9.75 to help the Hornets tally their fifth-highest score in program history (194.100) on March 8 at San Jose State. On March 10, Goold scored a 9.65 on vault to lead the squad to a mark of 193.500 against the Spartans at Hornet Gym. The Golden, Colo., native has been a model of consistency for the Hornets since returning from ACL surgery on Jan. 19 at UC Santa Barbara. Goold is an organizational communications major with a 3.4 gpa. The Hornets will look to earn its second West Regional appearance and win the inaugural Mountain Pacific Sports Federation title at the MPSF Championships on March 23 at Air Force.

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ATHLETICS and ACADEMICS at CSU-SACRAMENTO

Selle leads Hornets at Cal Poly, team still hampered by injuries

Individuals shine, relay teams peak finish in top five

JAVONE TAVARES
State Hornet

One week after a dominating performance at the Drummond Invitational, the Sacramento State track and field team found that it is extremely difficult to duplicate supremacy in consecutive weeks.

At the Cal Poly Invitational Saturday, the Hornets competed against host California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, California State University, Wichita State, University of California, Irvine, University of Nevada and Brigham Young University, but were not nearly as sharp as they were the previous week.

However, the Hornets still managed to produce several top-five finishers led by Windi Selle.

The senior anchored the women's team, placing second in the hammer throw with a mark of 162 feet, 11.5 inches.

"Windi performed solidly this weekend," Hornet coach Joe Neff said. "As a matter of fact, I felt she performed well enough to win, but she just came up a tad bit short."

Fleet-footed senior Myesha Kirtman sprinted her way to a third-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles, recording a respectable time of 14.25 seconds.

Freshman La Vietra Stanton leaped her way to fourth place in the long jump with an 18-3.25 mark. Freshman Heidi Poppelreiter, meanwhile, placed fifth in the triple jump (36-8.50).

Also adding her name to the list of women who finished in the top five of their events was junior Heather Clark, who produced a time of 2:18.85 in the 800.

Junior Jonathan Davis, winner of the Big Sky Conference Indoor 55-meter dash, led the men with a third-place finish in the 100-meter dash with a 10.75.

Freshman Obi Osuji also finished third with a time of 48.59 in the 400-meter.

The only other Hornet on the men's side to place in the top five was freshman Jeff Santana, who placed fifth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 55.97.

The Hornet men's relay teams did well in 4x100, finishing second (41.63) and the 4x400-meter dash team finished fourth with a mark of 3 minutes, 20.75 seconds.

"Our relay teams really ran well for us this weekend," Neff said. "The women's 4x400 team placed fourth as well as the men's 4x400. That, coupled with our men's 4x100 team finishing second, is very encouraging as we continue to look to be at our peak in about a month."

It's no mystery that the Hornets are still lacking some key performers due to injury. Sophomore Shanita Bryant is still nursing a tender hamstring that has turned out to be more serious than originally diagnosed.

"At first we thought it would be something that wasn't going to require much time off," Neff said. "But after she could not perform in our last indoor meet, we decided that there is no need to force the issue. We are going to let the hamstring heal without putting any undo stress on it. Then when she is fully recovered, she can start performing at the level she is capable of."



Windi Selle

Second in hammer

Tina Limon and Melissa Madeson are other key figures that have been injured, but they figure to be ready in a couple of weeks.

"As I've said over the last month," Neff said. "If we can just survive the next couple of weeks without any major collapses or injuries, then we are putting ourselves in perfect position to peak in about a month or so."

The Hornets will next travel to California State University, Fullerton, on March 23.

The winning Phi-eeling





The Sigma Pi Fraternity recently hosted its annual philanthropy, the Sorority Superbowl, in which sororities competed in a flag football tournament. Alpha Phi (left) dethroned Sigma Kappa in the championship game 14-6 Thursday, downing them for the second time during the tourney. Alpha Phi ran through the competition (below), finishing undefeated and Sorority Superbowl champions.

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Sac State vaults by field at four-way meet

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meets.

Placing first on the bars was senior Lori Gillette with a score of 9.95. The mark tied a program record for the event.

The record was first set by teammate Wendy Baidson, who set the mark on March 14,1999.

Rounding out the Hornets' top finishers was junior Brooke Crowell, who led all competitors with a vault of 9.75.

Baisdon recorded a season-high 9.85 on the bars to place third, while senior Lara Goold registered a 9.7 on vault for third-place.

Freshman Meloney Greer tallied a 9.825 on bars to place. Friday was Greer's first competition since injuring her big toe on the lower bar at Hornet Gym March 10.

Competing in their final home meet of their Hornet careers were seniors Melissa Prescott, Karen Sorensen, Beth O' Connor, Baisdon, Gillette and Goold.

"We beat UC Davis earlier in the year, and Friday's meet was for the seniors," coach Kim Hughes said.

Freshman Nirvana Zaher scored 9.725 and received second on floor, while junior Jenny Diamond also placed well with a 9.8 and receiving third.

Sophomore Binta Coleman did not compete for the Hornets Friday evening.

Coleman didn't compete due to a hyper-extended knee that was suffered early in the week during practice.

In Saturday's meet at Berkley, Coleman was back from her knee injury and the Hornets came up with a victory against Cal, San Jose State and Boise State with a score of 194.300.

It was the Hornets' highest score of the year.

Boise State finished second with a 194.275, as San Jose State followed suit with a 193.775 and Cal coming in last with a measely 101.975.

"This was a more important win for us then Friday's meet against UC Davis," Hughes said.

Coleman competed in four events and set her second best personal record in the all-around while almost breaking school records in the process.

Peterson tied for the top spot in the beam competition with Kasey Carter and Kimmy Cianci, both of whom hail from San Jose State, with a score of 9.825.

Zaher notched a 9.800 in the vault competition, good enough for third place.

Gillette tied for third in the bar event with a 9.850.

The win gives the Hornets' a 9-6 record and concludes their regular season.

The Hornets will now venture into the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships.

The Championships will take place Saturday at the United States Air Force Academy at 7 p.m.

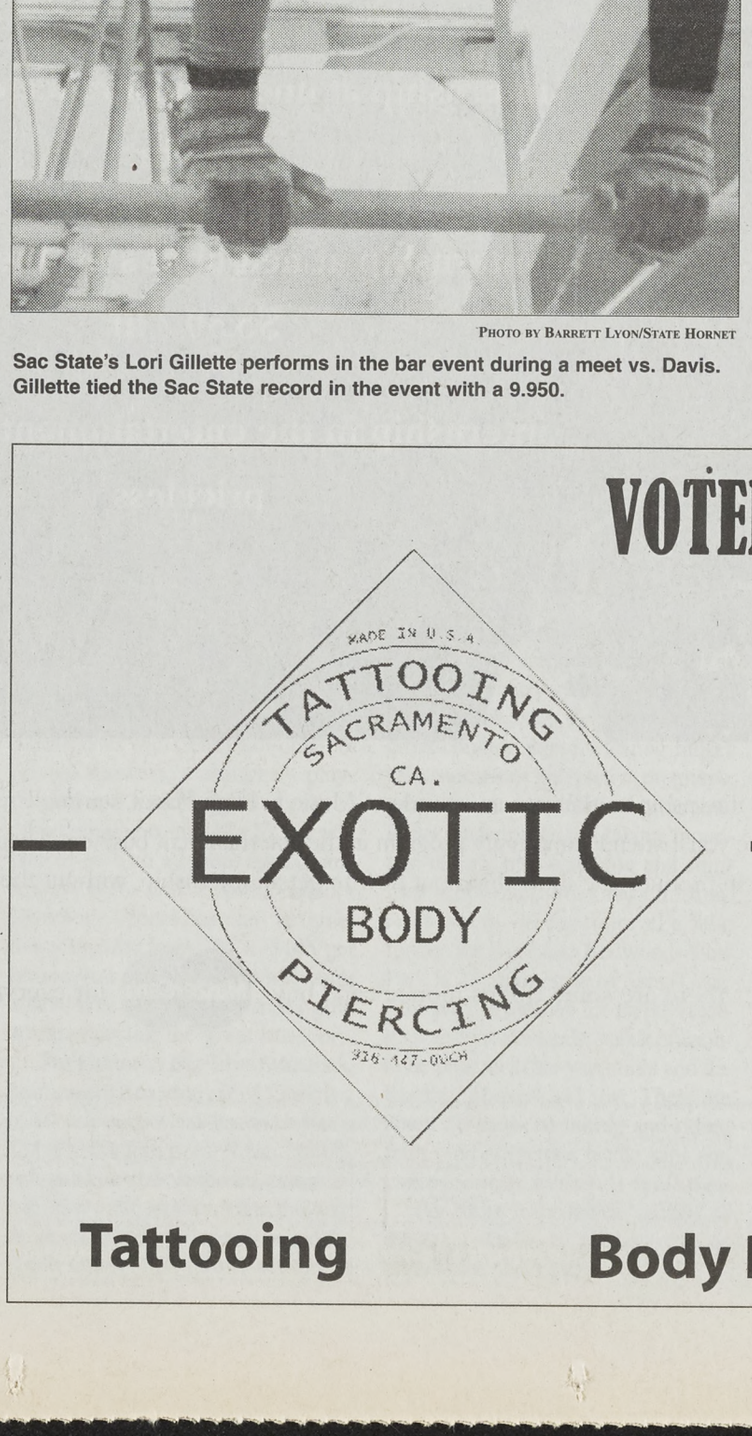


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Sac State's Lori Gillette performs in the bar event during a meet vs. Davis. Gillette tied the Sac State record in the event with a 9.950.

Ruth's ability to play called into question

There are three things I've come to expect from an old man: bad knees, war stories and the ability to blow Babe Ruth's legend way out of proportion.

The geezer will approach you with a huge cigar hanging from his mouth, uttering nonsense such as, "Babe Ruth is the best damn hitter I've ever seen. If he got the chance to bat against Pedro Martinez, he would knock his first pitch into next week."

Shut up, old man! You don't know what you're talking about.

A Babe Ruth at bat against Pedro Martinez would consist of three mighty swings of the bat, and one long walk back to the bench.

The 40,000 fans in attendance would wonder why they have spent their hard earned money to watch a fat slob make a fool of himself, when they could have witnessed the same pathetic scene by staring through the windows of their local Hometown Buffet.

And yes, any player who can have his role accurately portrayed by John Goodman is a fat slob in my book.

There is no way Ruth could hang with today's athletes. He would damn near crap his pants if he ever saw a 57 mph Tom Candiotti knuckleball hopping toward him like a Mexican jumping bean.

If the "Great Bambino" played today, I would equate him to a fatter version of Matt Stairs. He could bat about .230 with maybe 20 homers.

Of course he would have to play in the American league, where he could sit on the bench and chew tobacco for three hours as a designated hitter.



Nicholas Lozito

Columnist

Yes old man, I am aware that Ruth hit 714 home runs with a .342 batting average over his 22 seasons in the big leagues. I am also aware that Ruth was quite possibly the best hitter of his time. But times change.

Over the past 70 years players have gotten, bigger, faster, smarter and better.When Ruth was scarfing down hot dogs and drinking beers, Jason Giambi would be lifting weights and drinking protein shakes.

When Ruth was in his hotel suite with two girls, Andruw Jones would be ...well, some things haven't changed.

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Injuries

Track & Field

Shanita Bryant is nursing a tender hamstring.

Tina Limon and Melissa Madison are expected to return from injury in a few weeks.

Baseball

Chris Kinsey was struck in the face with a batted ball during Friday's game. Though he suffered bruising and swelling, he was able to remain in the line-up.

Results

Baseball

@ San Jose St. 7-1 (L)
@ Cal Poly 12-4 (L)
@ Cal Poly 18-3 (W)

Softball

vs. Virginia 2-0 (L)
vs. Virginia 7-6 (L)
vs. IUPUI 8-2 (W)*
vs. Mid. Tenn. 4-3 (W)*
vs. Virginia 4-2 (L)*
vs. UNLV 3-0 (L)*
vs. California 6-2 (L)
vs. Utah St. 4-1 (W)

Golf

Tied for 11th place
@ Sac State Invite

Women's Tennis

vs. St. Louis 7-0 (W)
vs. San Jose St. 7-0 (W)

Men's Tennis

@ Web. St. 4-1 (W)
@ Utah 6-1 (L)
@ Utah St. 4-1 (W)

Zaher leads the way

RONALD GAFFUD
State Hornet

SACRAMENTO STATE
MEN'S TENNIS

The Hornets swept Weber State University 5-0 on Thursday in Ogden, lost 6-1 on Saturday against the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, and finished with a 4-1 victory against Utah State University in Logan, Utah.

The Hornets improved their record to 5-6 this season. Against Weber State, senior Fabio Jesus won his match in three sets against Philip Ivanov, while Nick Sheehan won his match against Daniel Abeaboer in three sets as well.

"Nick surprised me during the road trip," Hornet coach Chris Evers said.

Senior Josh Price and freshman Peter Farkus won the only doubles match, beating Daniel Salvato and Kenny Lindley, 9-8.

Sherif Zaher won all three of his singles matches over the weekend, starting off with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Weber State's Don Williams.

"(Zaher) got off to a slow start, but had a strong finish," Evers said of Zaher's match with Williams.

Zaher also came away with the Hornets' only victory at Utah, coming away with a 6-0,0-6, 6-3 victory over Corrie Scheepers.

The Hornets quickly bounced back from the loss at Utah to take down Utah State. Sac State won all of their singles matches, but failed to record the doubles point.

In doubles, Jesus and Matt Jones lost to Jordan Butler and Steve Peterson in three sets.

In singles, Hornet Ali Abbou earned a come from behind victory, as Utah State's Jason Trask took the first set 6-4 before Abbou came back to take the next two sets 6-4, 6-1 for the win.

Zaher finished his stellar weekend with a three set victory over Andy Madersbacher of Utah State.

"(Zaher) is a seasoned senior who knows what to do during tough matches," Evers said.

Evers says he is "preparing (the team) for the Big Sky." But after five consecutive road matches, Evers says all his team needs now is rest.

The Hornets play on Saturday, at the University of Pacific at 1 p.m.

March Madness

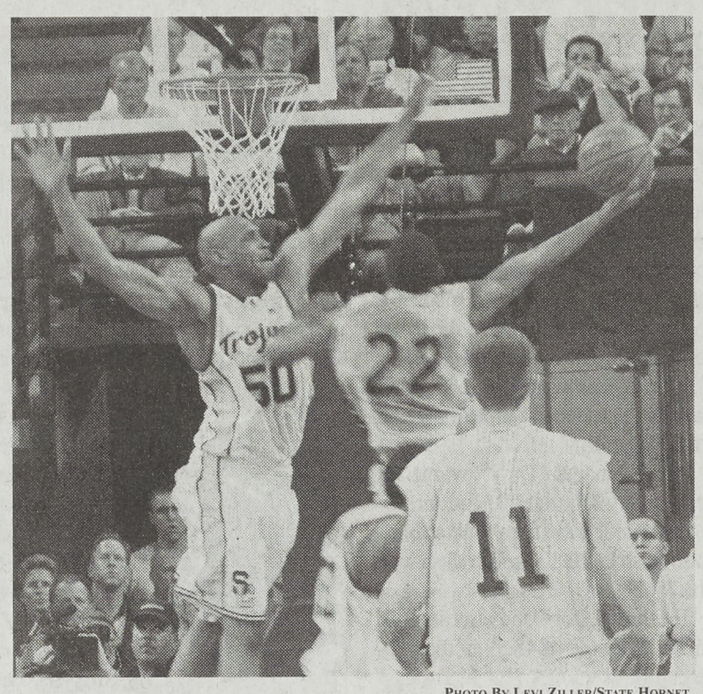


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March Madness came to Arco Arena this past weekend. Sacramento became home to several college basketball teams, including the University of Southern California (white) and the University of North Carolina-Wilmington (gray), all of whom were vying for the NCAA championship. UNC-Wilmington escaped with a win vs. USC in the first round.

I don't coach

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but the best of what's out there.

But, we all know that is too much to ask for.

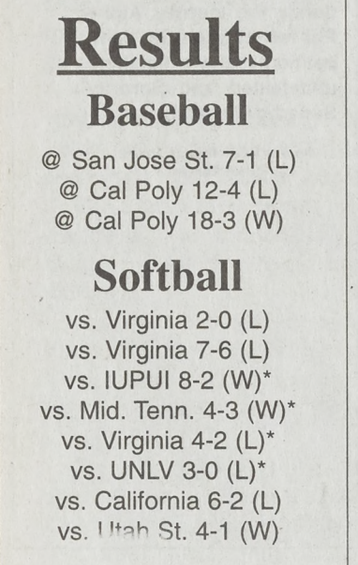
Chico State cut its football team a few years back, feeding what was left to the lesser-known but more successful programs that were hungry for the attention.

In turn, Chico State has turned out two highly competitive programs with the likes of water skiing and water polo.

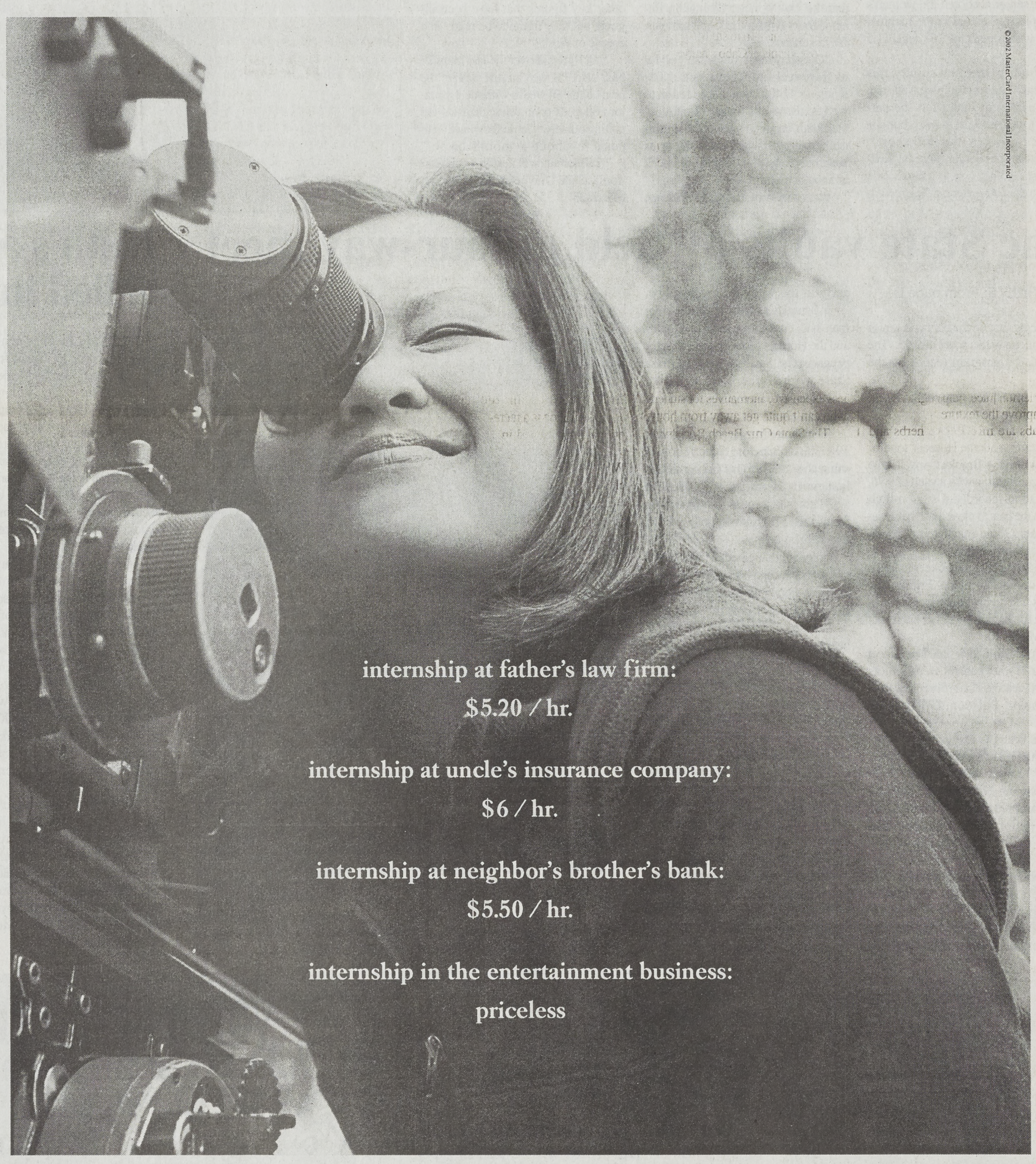
50 applicants for AD position

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The selection committee, as appointed by Gerth, is comprised of: Mieke Boynton, student-athlete; Greg Grant, community member; Vivian Miller, special assistant to the vice president of student affairs; Scott Modell, assistant professor of kinesiology; Elroy Littlefield, executive director of CSUS Foundation; Bill Macriss; associate director of athletic community; Joan Neide, professor of health sciences; and Del Biaggio.







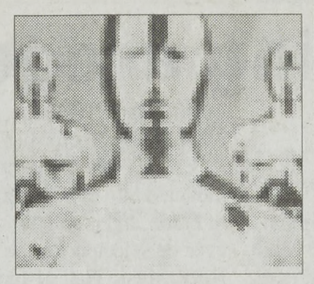
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The Hornet's Jason Bretz gives his opinion on the state of the Oscars, and picks the likely winners.

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The thrill of the grill

Spark up the flames, smoke out the food, invite some friends and get outside; barbecue season is upon us. Through advanced grills and adventurous spirits, cooking outside has taken on new dimensions. By preparing and experimenting with foods and some basic guidelines you can heat up your barbecue and find the thrill in your grill.



MATT SZURA
State Hornet Food Columnist

Traditional barbecue fare includes grilled meats, fish and kebobs. Almost anything you can cook in the kitchen can be barbecued. Be adventurous; try foods ranging from fruits and veggies to polenta and breads. Any food is fair game on the grill.

Marinades and rubs add extra flavor and character to barbecued food. Just about anything can be used as a marinade, including salsas and salad dressings. A popular base for marinades is olive oil; mix it with your favorite herbs, spices and a citrus juice.

Most marinades must have a few things in common such as flavor, sodium and acid. The marinade you select to cure foods should have a flavor you enjoy. Extreme flavors such as dark beer, citrus and ginger can add an interesting twist to food. Salt or soy is the most common form of sodium used in marinades, which ensures that some of the moisture will be pulled from the meat. The acidic component in marinades, such as vinegar, tomatoes or lemon juice, helps tighten meat and improve the texture.

Rubs are mixtures of herbs and spices rubbed onto meats or vegetables and left to sit and be absorbed into the food to enhance flavor. When preparing a rub, use herbs and spices that appeal to you, and avoid salts.

When cooking on the 'cue, temperature is an important consideration. Two popular methods of barbecuing use extremely different temperatures. Searing, which requires very high heat, is used to either rapidly cook the outside of food (sealing in natural juice and flavors) or to "scar" a burned grill pattern on the food.

When searing, adjust the grill to sit as close to the coals or burners as possible and rotate the food quickly to avoid burning and flare-ups. After having seared the food, cook it to your desired finish at a lower temperature. Slow roasting requires a much lower temperature and allows for foods to be cooked over a longer period of time.

A meat thermometer is a useful tool to judge the temperature of meats. Meat thermometers should be inserted into the core of the meat: a temperature of 125 degrees indicates rare, 130 degrees is medium rare, 140 degrees for medium, and 160 degrees is well done.

▸ Quick grilling tips:

-Clean the grilling surface before each use.

-Spray or coat your grill with oil before putting food on the grill to help prevent sticking.

-Keep a spray bottle handy to extinguish flare-ups on the grill.

-When cooking kebobs on the grill, be sure to cut all of the meats and veggies the same size so they will cook evenly. If you are using wooden skewers on the grill soak them over night to prevent the skewers from igniting on the grill.

-Allow 10 – 15 minutes for gas grills to warm up properly.

-Apply sauces to foods on the grill in the later half of cooking to avoid burning.

-Always place finished foods on a clean platter or cutting board.

-Keep a bag of marshmallows handy for after-dinner toasting treats.

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Blasts from the past

CORY QUAN
State Hornet

Work is much harder to remember than play. It's likely that after taking a test you'll forget all the details, like who did what in which war or how to conjugate a verb, that you picked up during lectures and cram sessions. But one thing's for sure – fond memories of past spring breaks are forever.

For instance, take the expedition to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico Justin Crites and his roommate embarked on last year.

"We'd just missed MTV doing their spring break show when we went down," Crites said.

Despite missing the media frenzy, Crites, a sophomore majoring in kinesiology, and his traveling companion set out on a mission to study the migration movements of Cabo's native fauna.

"There were lots of girls," Crites said after recounting observations made during his nocturnal outings to the area's various watering holes and clubs. During the day, Crites' study took him to the ocean, where he could interact with Cabo life above and below the water.

"We went out on a snorkel cruise that kind of turned into a booze cruise," Crites said. "Everything out there is a booze cruise."

For some people the mark of a stellar spring break doesn't include a clear recollection of the event. Rather, it's the inability to recall specific details, all caused by a perpetual drunken stupor, that signifies the passing of a good vacation.

Psychology major and senior Nicole Ohacl recounts that her best spring break was a trip to Ensenada during her sophomore year.

"From what I remember, there was a boat and whistle shots being downed. I can't remember anything else, but I know I had a blast," she said.

For Evan Paul, a graduate of Florida State and Sacramento State visitor,

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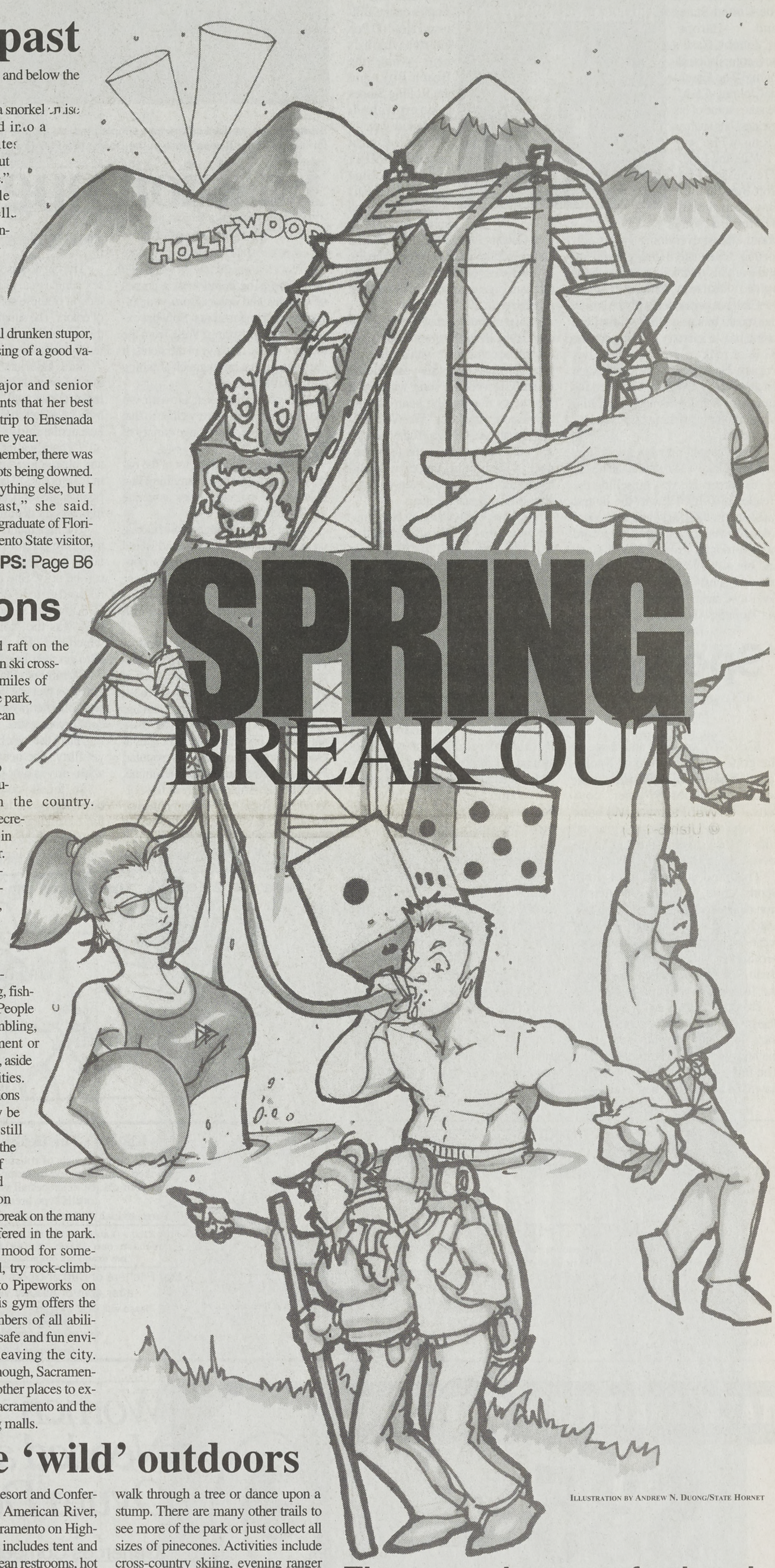


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Day trip destinations

FRANCISCO VILLA
State Hornet

Spring break is the time for many college students to unwind from the pressures of school and get away from their textbooks. For others, however, taking a trip far away can be expensive or impossible. There are closer, and less expensive, alternatives for students who can't quite get away from home.

The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, located on a milelong beach between Monterey and San Francisco, is a popular hot spot for beach vibes and classic rides. Admission is free and a range of ticket plans help meet tight budgets. The Boardwalk includes more than 34 rides and attractions, dozens of restaurants, shops, games, indoor arcades and miniature golf. Santa Cruz is also considered by many to be the birthplace of mainland surfing, and the shores are often filled with surfers.

San Francisco is another seaside alternative that offers lots of tourist attractions at affordable prices. There are numerous shopping areas, great restaurants and many sights to see, such as the Golden Gate Bridge, Golden Gate Park, Chinatown, Japan town, the zoo, the aquarium and more. A visit to San Francisco doesn't need to be expensive; simple walks on Fisherman's Wharf or dinner in one of its many restaurants are just examples of fun to be had in San Francisco.

For those who want to get in touch with their wild sides, a trip to Yosemite National Park is the answer. There are many ways to spend the day at Yosemite with a minimum of expenses. One can see Yosemite's many magnificent sights on a bought or rented bicycle, participate in guided hiking or rock climbing for a half-day or full-day, fish, swim and raft on the Merced River, or even ski cross-country. With 350 miles of trails and roads in the park, a guided skiing tour can be well worth one's trip. Yosemite offers winter access to some of the most beautiful locations in the country.

Lake Tahoe is a recreational wonderland in summer and winter. Winter activities include skiing, snowmobiling, ice-skating, sledding or playing in the snow. Other activities include biking, camping, horseback riding, fishing and parasailing. People can spend time gambling, enjoying entertainment or just in quiet romance, aside from outdoor activities.

With all these options available, there may be some people who still can't afford to leave the city for too long. If so, try Waterworld USA, on Exposition Blvd., and enjoy the break on the many rides and events offered in the park.

If you're in the mood for something more physical, try rock-climbing gym Sacramento Pipeworks on 116 N. 16th St. This gym offers the opportunity for climbers of all abilities to have fun in a safe and fun environment without leaving the city.

If all that's not enough, Sacramento still offers many other places to explore, such as Old Sacramento and the many area shopping malls.

Roughing it in the 'wild' outdoors

ELIZABETH CAMPOS
State Hornet

If you're planning or interested in visiting one or several campsites during spring break, consider these California State Parks not too far from Sacramento. Most of them vary in day use prices and camping fees. Day fees range from $8 to $12 per vehicle and camping fees vary by site.

The nearest campsite to Sacramento is the Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, an 18,000-acre reservoir with habitats ranging from grasslands to pine-oak forests. This year-round park has two developed campgrounds with 149 campsites. There are also picnic areas, boat and beach rentals, hiker, horse, bicycle and mountain-bike trails with restrooms and showers. It's located near Folsom off Folsom-Auburn Blvd.

You could also go for a weekend (or week) to Coloma Resort and Conference Center by the American River, 30 miles east of Sacramento on Highway 49. There area includes tent and cabin rentals with clean restrooms, hot private showers, a children's playground and handicapped access at prices ranging from $4 to $75. If you plan to go with a group, the Coloma Ropes Course at the Coloma Outdoor Discovery School has one- to three-day programs from $55 to $145 per person;you can ride the whitewater rapids, hike the trails or pan for gold while enjoying the great outdoors.

The Calaveras Big Trees State Park, northeast of Stockton off of CA 4, is a 6,300-acre park which has more than a 1,000 mammoth trees. It has 129 developed forested campsites, picnic areas, hiker trails, restrooms and showers. A one-mile self-guided trail called the North Grove Trail allows visitors to walk through a tree or dance upon a stump. There are many other trails to see more of the park or just collect all sizes of pinecones. Activities include cross-country skiing, evening ranger talks, numerous interpretive programs, environmental educational programs, junior ranger programs, hiking, mountain-biking, bird watching and summer school activities for children.

If you're willing to travel a little further, the Big Basin Redwoods State Park is 23 miles north of Santa Cruz. This park is famous for its 300-foot-high ancient redwoods, stands of knobcone pine, delicate waterfalls and the meeting of sand and surf. There are about 50 miles of hiking and riding trails, and numerous picnic sites and campgrounds with full facilities.

For more information on any of these state parks visit http://www.parks.ca.go.

Theme parks open for break

STEVE TACKER
State Hornet

It's spring break! The time for a vacation in Cancun, Puerto Vallarta, Lake Havasu, Daytona Beach – anywhere but here – has arrived. Teachers, we won't be seeing you for a week. School, if you're gone when we come back, don't be sad … we won't be. This is our time as students to relax, kick back and see some different scenes other than the confines of the classroom.

"What if I have to work," you say? For those stuck in the local area due to work or financial difficulties, don't stress. California is loaded with exciting options for spring breakers on partial lockdown. Check out these theme parks from the Bay to L.A.

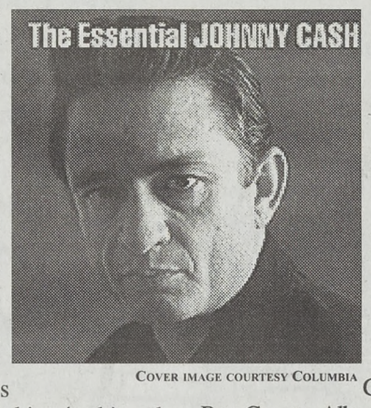
Great America, less than two-and-a-half-hours away, is located in Santa Clara, just north of San Jose. Classic rides like the Vortex, Top Gun and Drop Zone Stunt Tower are sure to make some scared cats face their fears. Delirium, a new attraction, is a powerful spinning pendulum that will send you whirling. Great America is a cool environment, especially at night when the lights are out. The park often hosts local radio stations so visitors can get

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Celebrating a legend

REVIEW BY
BRIAN J. MULHOLLAND
State Hornet

With his 70th birthday last month, Johnny Cash celebrated nearly 50 years in the music business and more than 1,500 recorded songs across 500 albums – and that's only counting the albums released in the United States and Europe.



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Johnny Cash's new compilation album, "The Essential Johnny Cash," features some of his greatest hits such as "Ring of Fire" and "I Walk the Line," "Tennessee Flat-Top Box" and "A Boy Named Sue." There are songs about almost everything in this collection: love, hate, fighting, drinking and even his own jail time, which inspired "Folsom Prison Blues."

Cash has performed with the best in the music business, first starting out in the music industry opening for the King of rock 'n' roll himself, Elvis Presley. He has performed with such greats as Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis and received a Grammy for his writing on a Bob Dylan record.

Some people may not know how popular Johnny Cash was at the height of his career: He was outselling the Beatles in 1969. He was the hottest musician in the world and his record sales showed it, with 250,000 record sales a month. From 1969-71 Cash had his own show on ABC, and had talented guests such as Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, Kenny Rogers, Dennis Hopper, Merle Haggard, James Taylor, Hank Williams, Jr. and many other famous performers.

Cash is the youngest person to be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame, and is still the only person to ever be selected for the Country and Rock Music Hall of Fame (even the late Presley was only inducted to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1998).

Cash has had 48 singles on the Billboard Hot 100 Pop charts, which is near what the Beach Boys and the Rolling Stones accomplished.

He has won 11 Grammies, most recently in 1999 for the Lifetime Achievement Award and a shared Grammy in 2002 for Best Country Album. He also produced and co-scripted a movie about the life of Jesus distributed by the Rev. Billy Graham organization, which remains popular today.

Contemporary artists such as Sheryl Crow, Bruce Springstein and others will be coming out with a tribute album for Cash later this year, and he recently recorded a song with Dave Matthews that can be heard on the movie soundtrack for "We Were Soldiers" with Mel Gibson. Today's artists can only hope to have the same impact as Cash in his career, who still has 45 albums in print, even 40 years after their original release.

Cash has outlived many other music greats, has achieved awards that few ever receive and has done more than many could hope to do in the entertainment industry. He is a true legend and one of the last of his kind; his music is funny, entertaining, dynamic, original and most of all, enjoyable.

'Sporty' new nooner

E.TENDISAI CHIGWEDERE
State Hornet

Kick off your shoes and dance in the grass to the rhythm of Sporty James' tunes as they launch the spring series of outdoor "Nooner" concerts. UNIQUE Programs will bring this band's acoustic pop sound fused with a funky rhythm sound to Sacramento State University March 20.

The band is named after pimp Sporty James, on whom 1980s television detective "Hunter" relied on as a snitch whenever he needed the 411 on some neighborhood crook. Band members Steven Miller, Steve Del Rio and Brian Flint credit their unique sound to the fusion of their musical styles.

Expect the show to have a high-energy eclectic blend of acoustic pop, rock, funk and jazz influence along the lines of Dave Matthews or Train. The tunes will have you "boogying down," as Sporty James would say, and hopefully will be accompanied by warm afternoon sun.

Miller started the band with Del Rio in 2000, performing at open mics around Sacramento trying to put together a band while Flint, who joined the band in May 2001, and Del Rio both played in a number of bands prior to the birth of Sporty James.

Unique Programs' Student Board is responsible from researching Sacramento's local talent at clubs, coffeehouses and open mics. They find the up and coming acts, "acts that have some life to them," said Bill Olmstead, UNIQUE coordinator, and "acts that bring diversity to the campus so we're not hearing the same thing each week."

If you enjoy the show and want to see more check them out at the True Love Coffeehouse (all ages), March 21 (2406 J St.) at 9 p.m. for $5 or wait until March 28 (only if you are 21 and over) and go to Old Ironsides (1901 10th Street.

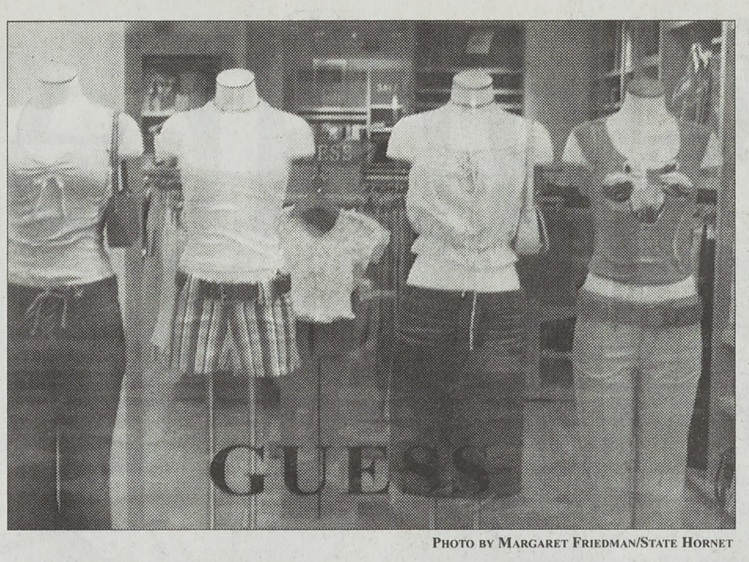


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Stretch jeans, neutral colors and simple lines define the new Spring fashion scene at the Guess store in the Downtown Plaza mall.

Fashion nuggets

STACY TAMORI
State Hornet

Spring is here and with it comes new styles and colors from your favorite department stores. So what exactly is "in" for spring? Well, from the looks of all the displays in the stores, it seems to be that pretty much anything comfortable goes.

American Eagle in Downtown Plaza, whose style is very close to that of Abercrombie, had a huge variety of T-shirts.

"We've been selling a lot of the basic tanks and shirts, and anything that is laid back looking," sales associate Taylor Rendon said.

There's a lot of athletic and casual wear throughout the store, and island designs for men seemed to be the popular commodity. According to Rendon, the colors that are popular for spring are anything bright paired with neutral colors; no black.

At the Guess store, the trend of comfortable and bright was clearly displayed. Guess calls their new collection of spring clothes "the vibe," which includes natural, earthy clothes that are not dyed. Last month's style, the 'peasant' look, is one that sales associates at Guess say is becoming less popular. For women the look is sexy, feminine, playful and simple. Much of the collection has Asian and Western influence mixed into it to bring in some outside culture. Also, the Latin salsa look can be paired with popular stretch jeans, which are not as warm as regular denim.

The big accessory for spring is unisex sunglasses. Guess had a huge selection of these sunglasses in all sorts of colors. The sunglasses cover a lot of the face and have dark color at the top, fading towards the bottom.

Sales associate Franklin Solis says that the popular item of the moment is ladies corset tops. They have built in bras for added support and strings that lace up the shirt.

"There's a lot of neutral colors, and blue colored clothes that we got in," Solis said "The materials that are popular are satin, anything ribbed and light weight denim."

The idea that Guess wants its customers to get from their spring collection is that a woman in her man's t-shirt can be sexy. She doesn't need to be all laced up to be attractive. According to Solis, last season's most popular item was the "torn up" shirt look, which had girls everywhere coming in to get their hands on one.

Sacramento State student Radtana Lee says that she likes the new spring styles that her favorite stores have been coming out with.

"I like the look because it is simple, yet flirty. The neutral colors go well with any skin tone," Lee said.

So, for all you people who love to be on top of the latest fashion trends, these are a few things to get you started. The style is comfortable and fun, and bright colors are all the rage.



More to spring break than parties

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memorable spring breaks entailed buckling down and working hard, not getting wild and partying.

"I wasn't into the whole party scene in Florida," Paul said. "Obnoxious music and booze don't do it for me."

Instead, Paul worked through his vacations as an environmental activist.

"During most of my spring breaks I worked on environmental campaigns or environmental projects," he said

Paul's past break activities helped him find a job after graduation. He now works as an environmental organizer, traveling to different places in hopes of recruiting people to get involved in projects like he had.

While many spring breakers migrate to exotic locales like the kinds viewed during MTV's seasonal specials, others opt for more local, low-key spring breaks.

Jared Jensen, a Sac State graduate turned Sac State library assistant, said his best spring breaks were spent communing with nature in the mountain regions surrounding Redding. Jensen's fondest memories are of long hikes through Lassen Park, a national park built around one of two active volcanoes in the United States.

"At this time of year, when the weather's just getting nice and there aren't that many people around, all you hear is the wind and trees," he said.

Roughing it for a week in an old tent with three un-bathed people under the hot Mexican sun doesn't seem to conjure up images of a fun-filled and exciting spring break. That is, unless, you're like freshman Legenia Broussard, who embarked on an outing with her church to do missionary work in Mexicali last year.

"We stayed there for a week with no showers and no running water," Broussard said.

The lack of modern conveniences didn't deter the novice missionary and her tentmates from performing scheduled duties for Mexicali's children.

"We built the town church a playground, played with the kids, made them bracelets and sang songs in Spanish," she said.

Even though her spring break occurred in a part of the world where modern conveniences and comforts are scarce, Broussard wouldn't have had it any other way.

"It was a unique experience and one of the best spring breaks I ever had," she said.

California home to variety of theme parks

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their groove on. During the break, the theme park is open only on March 24, 29, 30, and April 1, and park hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. General admission for adults is $44, and $34 for children. Associated Students, Inc. has tickets for $30 with a Sacramento State ID. Go the cheaper route.

Even closer to the Sacramento area is Six Flags Marine World in Vallejo. Not only for the aquatic and jungle animal buffs, Marine World offers roller coasters, as well. Vertical Velocity is the west coast's first suspended spiraling impulse coaster. Medusa is the tallest, fastest, longest and most technologically advanced roller coaster in Northern California. Accompanying these rides are Roar, Boomerang, Kong and Voodoo. The park also features animal acts, including their famous whale and dolphin shows. Marine World is open our entire spring break from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and ASI sells tickets for $23, while the park will charge you $43. If you can't find the time to drive two hours away for some fun and relaxation then give yourself a break.

Six Flags is also the owner of the famous Magic Mountain. Just past the grapevine and just before Los Angeles, in the city of Valencia, lies another theme park far enough from home to feel free, but close enough to return guilt-free. Magic Mountain offers an extensive ride selection. X, a new addition this year, is advertised as the world's first fourth-dimensional thrill (somebody needs to ride it and let the rest of us know). Deja Vu is a super boomerang coaster said to be the tallest and fastest of its kind. Other rides include the Goliath, The Riddler's Revenge, Superman, Batman, Viper and many more. Located on a virtual mountain, the park's up-and-downhill walks give it style – and visitors muscular legs. The park stays open March 23 to 31. Hours for Magic Mountain during spring break are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. General Admission is $44 and for children it's $27. Again, ASI provides a 50 percent discount rate for all One Card holders.

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Oscar forecast: deserving nominees will lose out again

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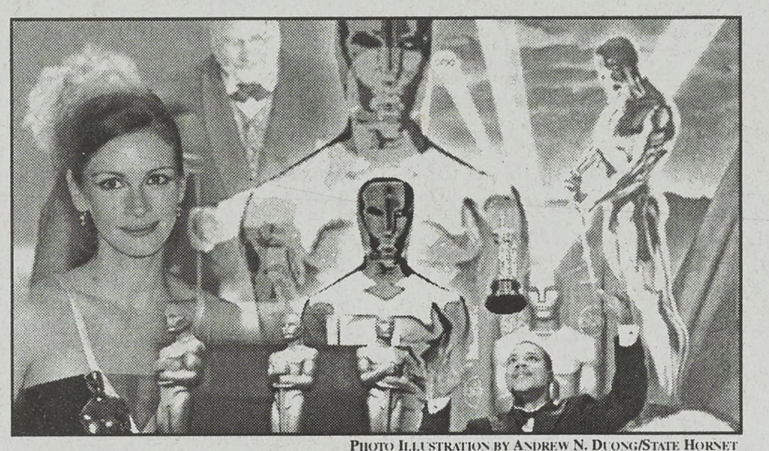


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This year's Academy Awards ceremony will likely award the less deserving of this year's nominees for major categories such as Best Actor, Best Actess, Best Director and Best Picture.

It's time for another evening of misplaced rewards and pop culture iconography at he 74th annual Academy Awards, hosted by Whoopi Goldberg March 24 at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles. With film in 2001 being dominated by wizards and a mad mathematician, the evening will surely end with the true best of the year losing out to another group of unworthy winners.

The category of best actress is this year's most unexciting competition. With last year's Oscar going to Julia Roberts' cleavage instead of Ellen Burstyn's piercing vulnerability, maybe the academy finally wants to recognize the best actress in the category. With a completely ridiculous nomination for Renee Zellweger, and with Halle Berry and Nicole Kidman receiving more than enough praise by their nominations alone, this race will most likely come down to Sissy Spacek and Judi Dench. Spacek anchored "In the Bedroom" in her role of a mother facing the effects of her son's affair with an older woman, but the life that Dench breathed into "Iris" with her uncomfortably realistic portrayal of a woman being torn apart by Alzheimer's disease should send her home with her second Oscar.

The best actor category could be one of this year's make-up calls. In 1992, Al Pacino landed his first Oscar for his seemingly endless trek as a suicidal blind man, while Denzel Washington won nothing for his transformation into Malcolm X. Pacino had produced so many incredible roles that the academy felt it was time to reward him, regardless of Washington's clearly superior performance. This Sunday's show will probably follow a similar path.

While Sean Penn brought us to tears for a couple of hours with his almost Oscar-worthy performance as a developmentally disabled father, and Russell Crowe managed to create an opportunity to win a second undeserved statue, the Oscar should finally be headed into the hands of Denzel Washington. His ability to unleash his dark side and the unexpected sincerity in his violent portrayal of a corrupt narcotics officer in "Training Day" should give Washington his first Oscar for a leading role.

The real loser this year will be Will Smith; although Washington has been the more deserving actor on a few occasions, this time he will be on the receiving end of a statue gone astray. Smith's recreation of the great Muhammad Ali makes Washington's Alonzo look like playtime. The former Fresh Prince of Bel Air has transcended his years as a rap star, a sitcom star and a cute, sometimes amusing movie star to turn in the most convincing performance based on an American icon since ... well, Washington's Malcolm X.

In the realm of best director, the competition will shy away from the mainstream success of "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" and "A Beautiful Mind." Instead, the race will most likely be between two film legends that have shaped American cinema without ever receiving an Oscar. David Lynch and Robert Altman are the only two directors in this category that deserve to be there, and with Baz Luhrmann somehow being left out for his genius Moulin Rouge, these two should have only each other to worry about. Though Lynch's "Mulholland Drive" is the more deserving piece of directing, the academy could be looking to reward Altman, who has produced a lifetime of work that will be forever taught in film classes around the country. If only the academy had been thinking this way in 1990 when they gave the Oscar to Kevin Costner for his muddled western, and left Martin Scorsese empty handed after he turned in the masterpiece "Goodfellas."

In the cherished category of best picture, which has been tainted since the 1977 ceremony that honored the ripped-off story of Rocky Balboa instead of the brilliantly original story of Travis Bickle, the ceremony will probably stick to its tradition of rewarding the biggest blockbuster. Of the five films nominated, only "A Beautiful Mind" and "The Fellowship of the Ring" are in positions to take home the prestigious award. Though "Gosford Park" and "In the Bedroom" are great films, neither have enough power to bring down the heavyweights. The underdog of this category is "Moulin Rouge," one of the most creatively inspired films of the year. Still, its freshness is not enough to stop the two powerhouses. In the end, look for Peter Jackson, Fran Walsh and Barrie M. Osborne, the producers of "Fellowship," to take the stage and accept their statues.

The disappointment is inevitable. The arguments will ensue following every announced winner. But movies are magic, and next year we will sit and wait and watch for the next batch of injustices to be passed on to American film by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

'Danzantes Unidos' festival this weekend

DANIEL BARNES
State Hornet

The Danzantes Unidos Festival, a Mexican folk dancing seminar and exhibition, will be held on the Sacramento State campus this weekend for the first time in the festival's 22-year history.

Over 1000 Mexican folk dancers will participate in the festival, which includes dance classes, lectures, performances and exhibitions. There will also be a makeshift mercado of vendors selling food, artifacts and dance costumes.

James Barrera, the publicity director for the festival, cited the campus' facilities as a reason Sacramento State was chose to hose this year's event.

"Because of the way it's laid, out, you can have classrooms with 50 different instructors from 50 different regions," Barrera said. "Of course, a state university should be involved in something like this that will benefit the community. It's only right."

The Danzantes Unidos Festival is an attempt to unite Mexicans of different economic and immigrant status through a common love of their shared culture, a goal reflected in this year's theme, "Unity Through Folklorico." Participation in the festival is open to all dancers willing to pay the registration fee, regardless of age or ability.

"Somebody who has little or no experience with dance can walk into a class where they'll feel comfortable," said Barrera.

The festival gets underway Friday at 7 p.m. with a Mexican dance concert in the Grand Ballroom Theater with dance groups from throughout the state.

El Ballet Folklorico Rarajipame, an award-winning dance group from Chihuahua, Mexico, headlines the festival. Their Gala Concert at the Sacramento High School Theater Sunday at 3 p.m., closes out the weekend's festivities.

The festival is traditionally held over Palm Sunday weekend, and a "mariachi Mass" will be conducted Sunday at 8:15 a.m.

"Many people of Mexican culture are Catholic, so there are very close ties to the church," said Barrera. "It's also a good annual weekend to remember for people who want to do the Danzantes every year."

In addition, a collection of dolls modeling regional dance costumes and books on Mexican culture will be on display on the second floor of the Sac State Library until the end of March. The collection was loaned by Hortensia Colmenarez, a Sac State alum.

"It's just a small representation of the regions and the states and dresses of Mexico," said Kathy Blackmer Reyes, the Ethnic Studies and Multicultural Librarian.

The Danzantes Unidos Festival was first held in Los Angeles in 1979, and Sacramento is the eighth California city to host the popular folk dancing seminar.

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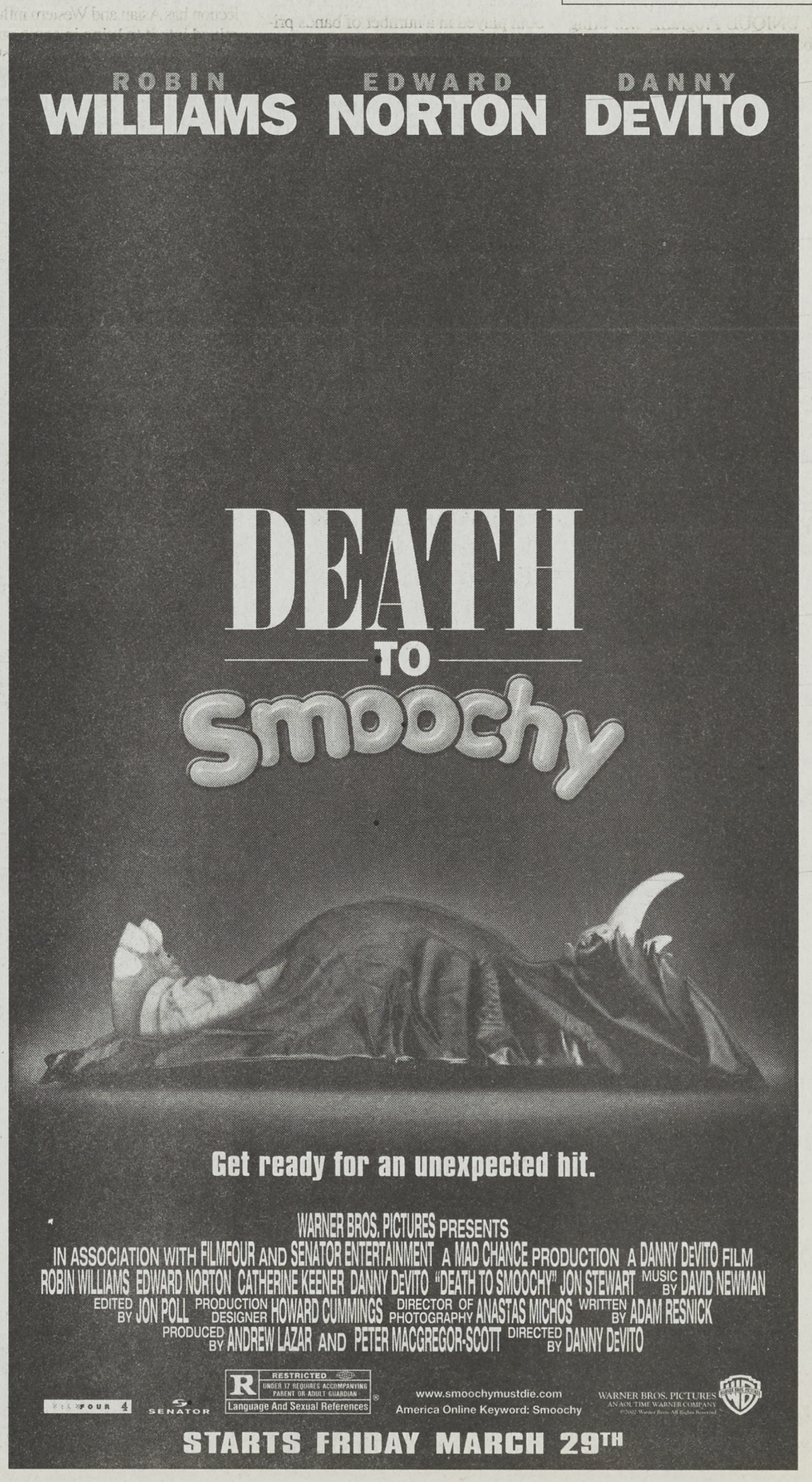
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